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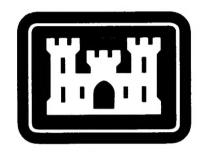
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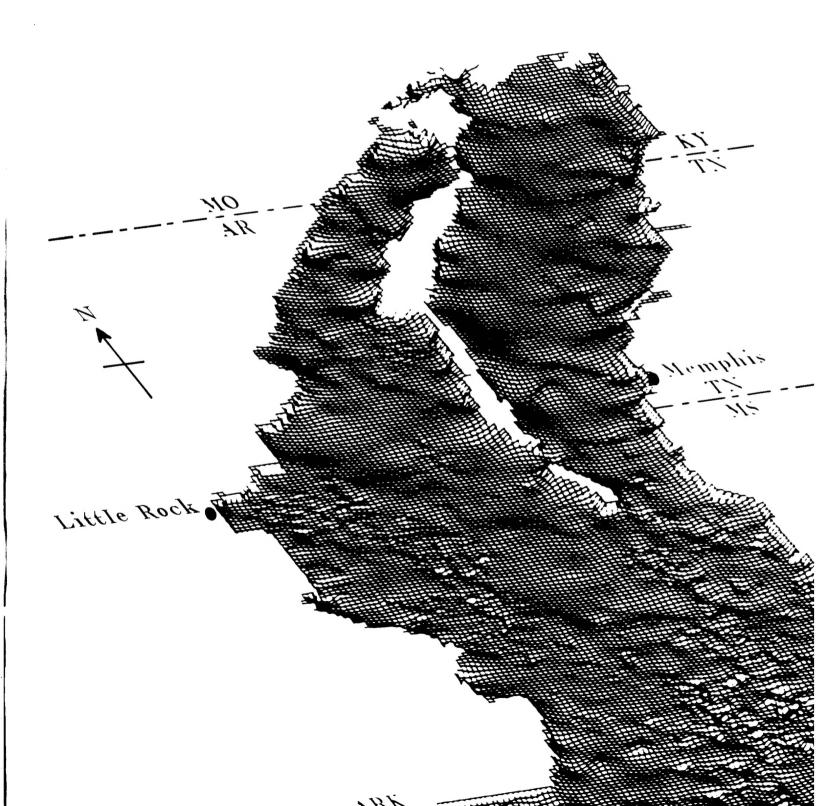
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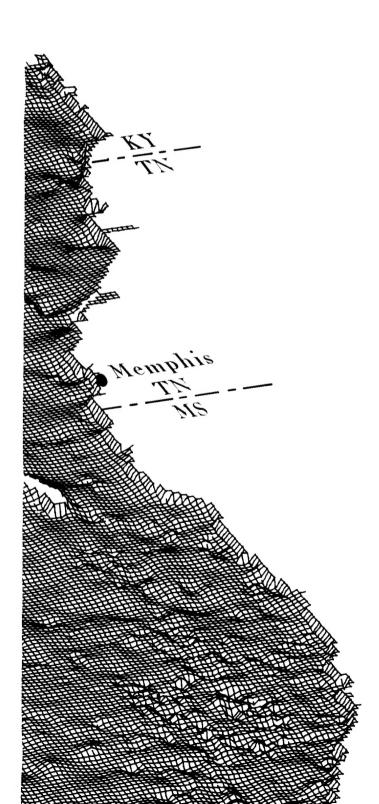


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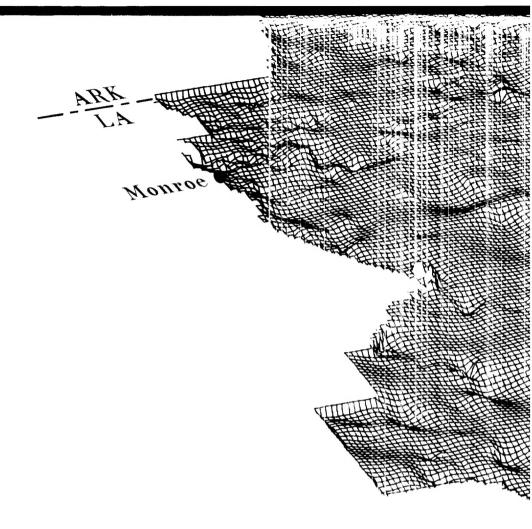


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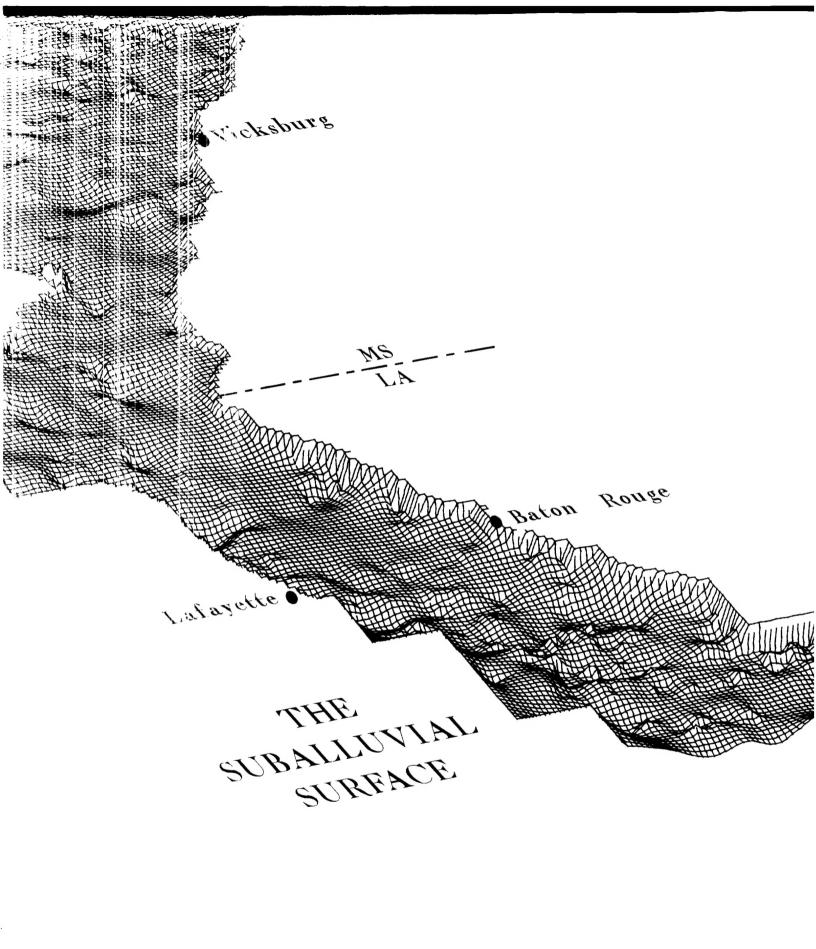
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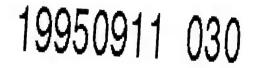


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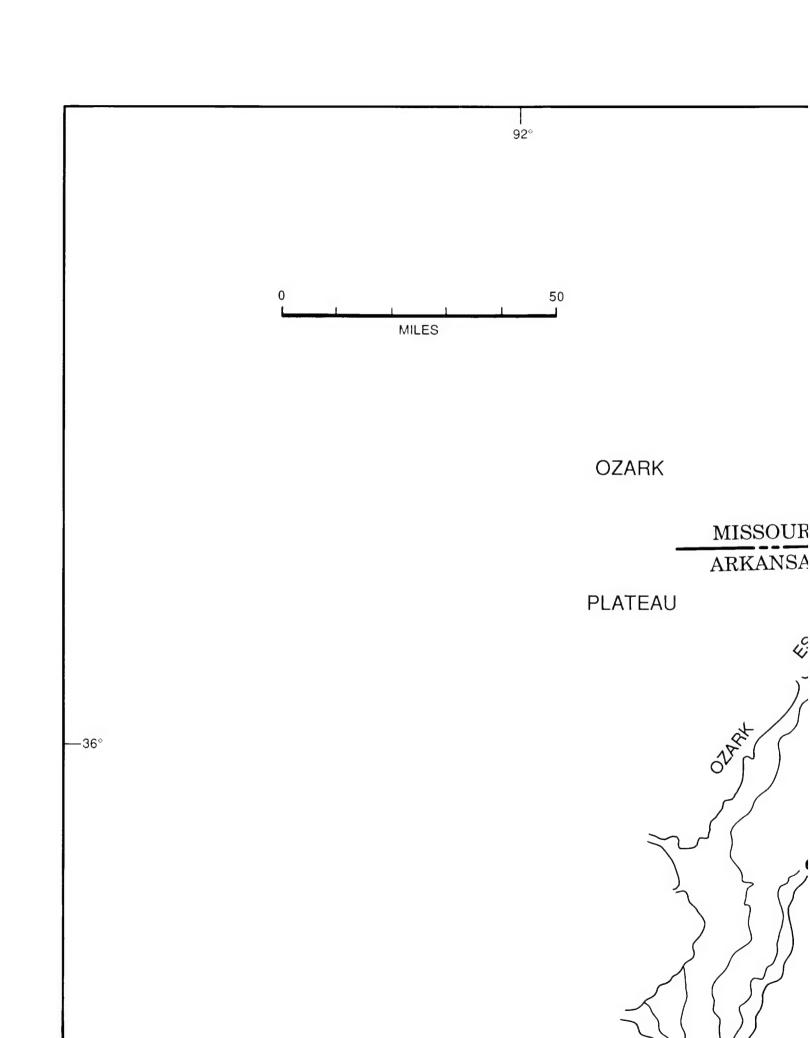
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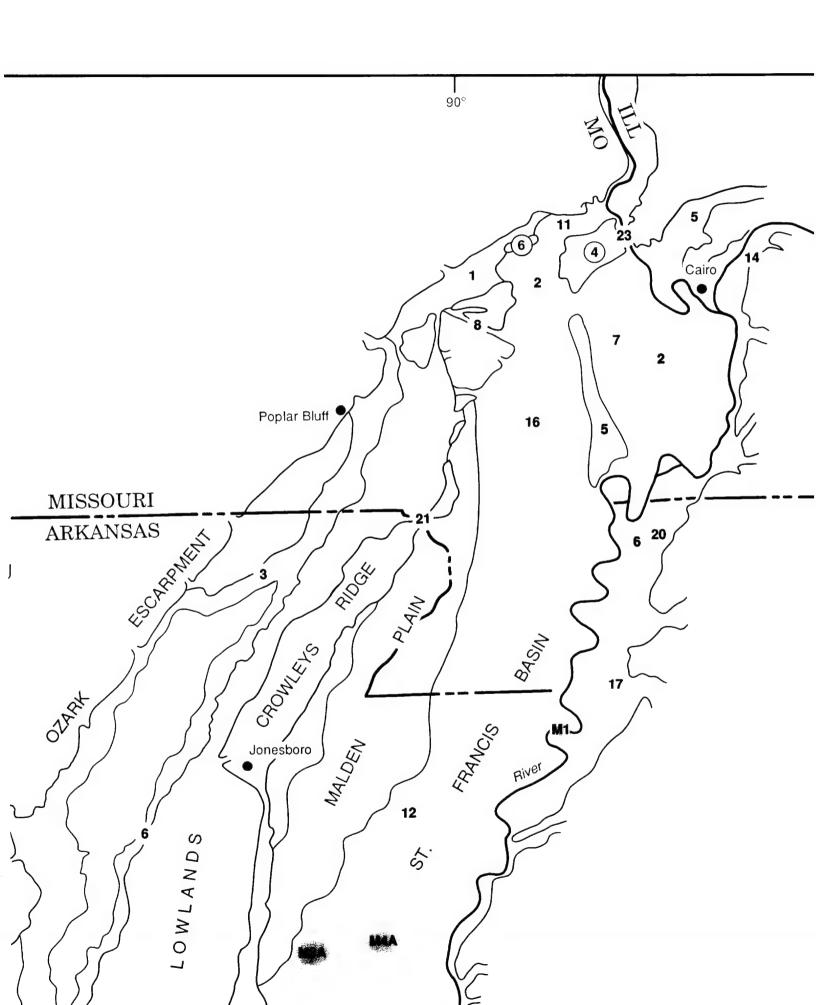
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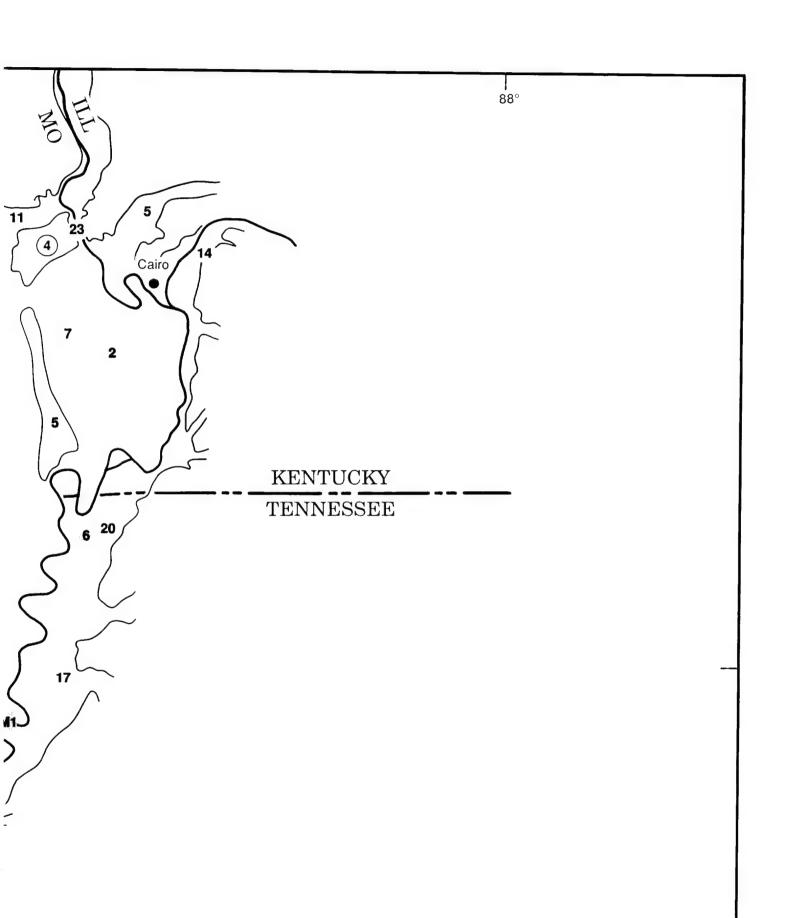
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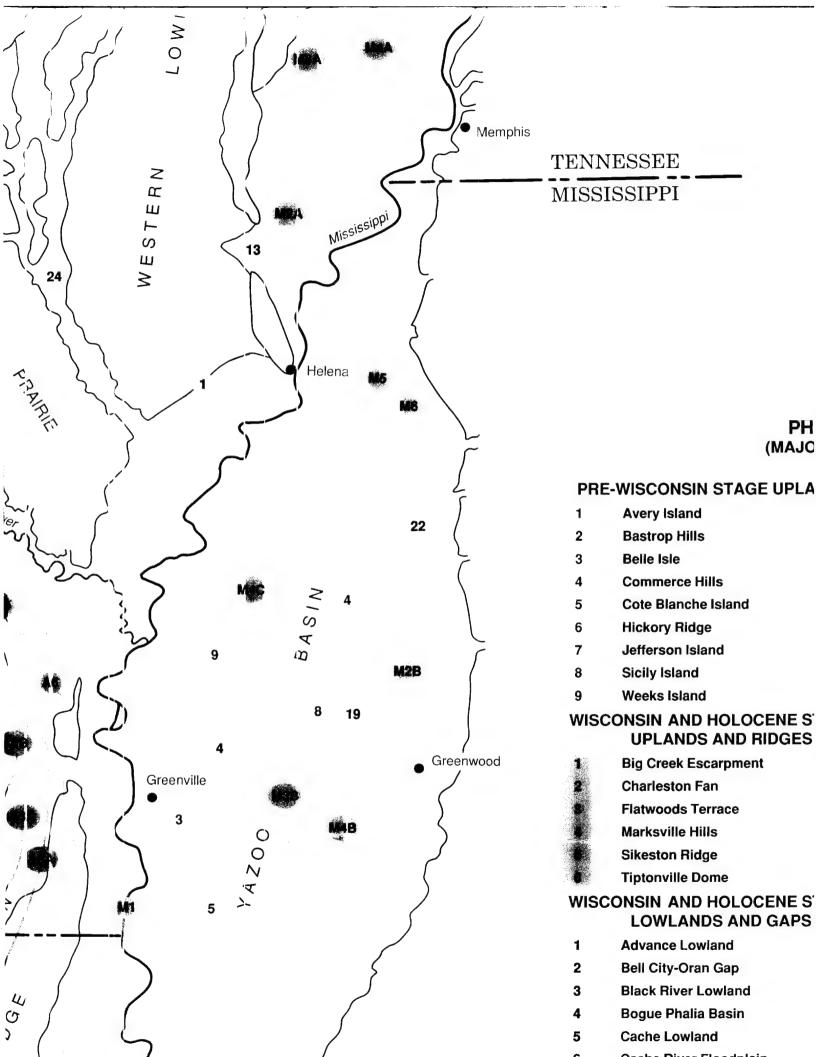
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- Avery Island
- 2 Bastrop Hills
- 3 Belle Isle
- 4 Commerce Hills
- 5 Cote Blanche Island
- 6 Hickory Ridge
- 7 Jefferson Island
- 8 Sicily Island
- 9 Weeks Island

WISCONSIN AND HOLOCENE STAGE UPLANDS AND RIDGES

- Big Creek Escarpment
 - Charleston Fan
 - Flatwoods Terrace
 - Marksville Hills
 - Sikeston Ridge
 - Tiptonville Dome

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- 1 Advance Lowland
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- 5 Cache Lowland

HOLOCENE MEANDER BELTS

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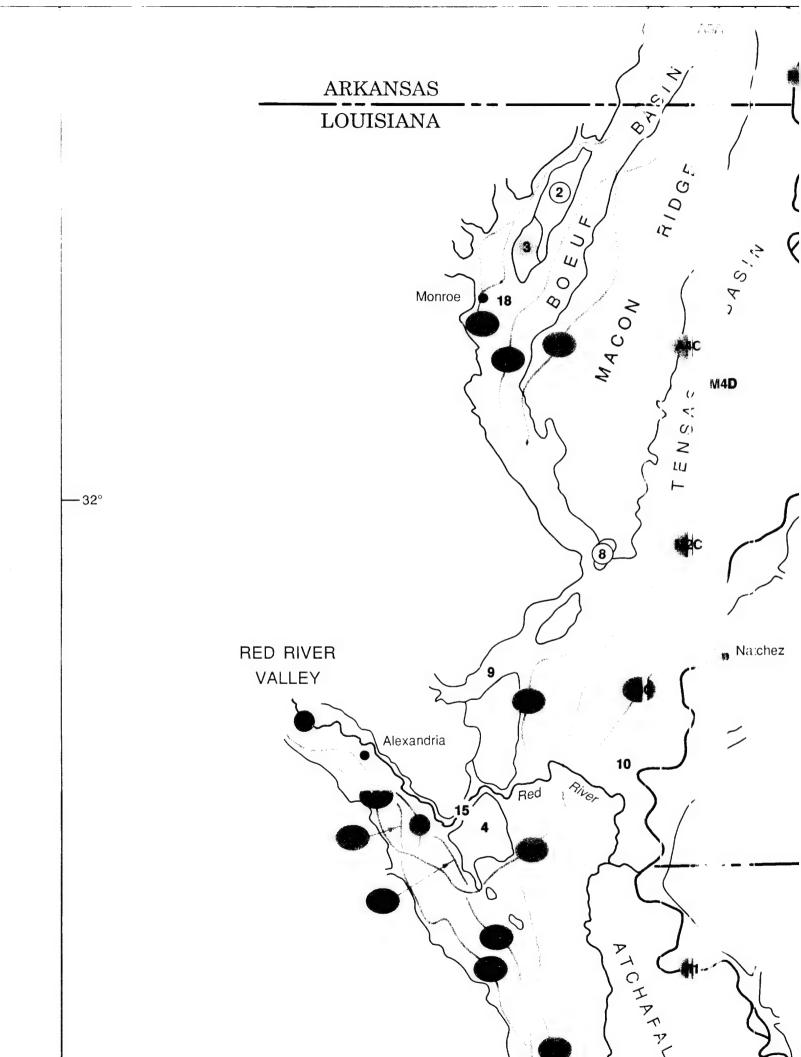
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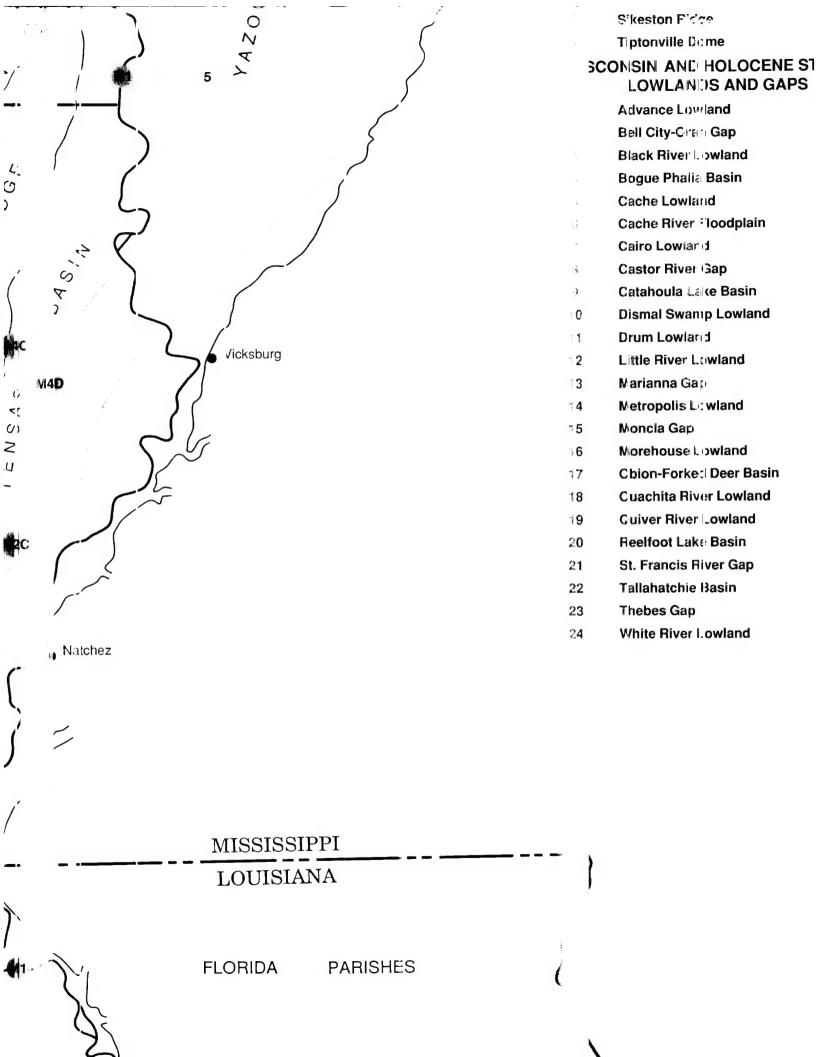
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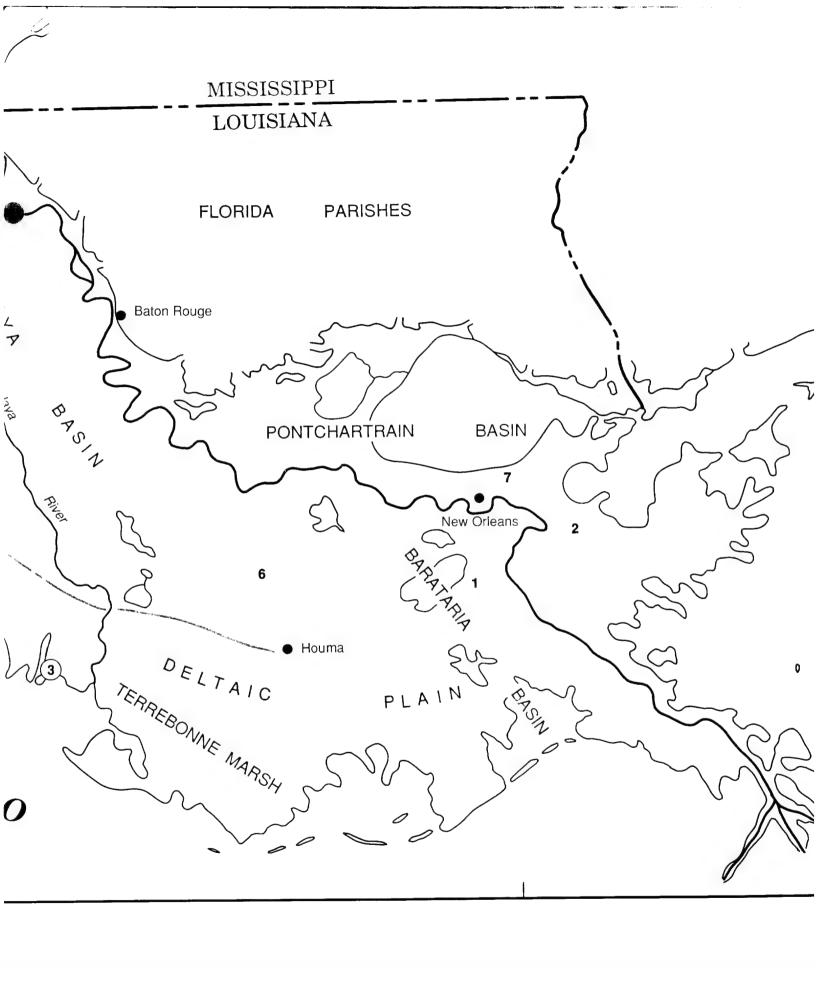


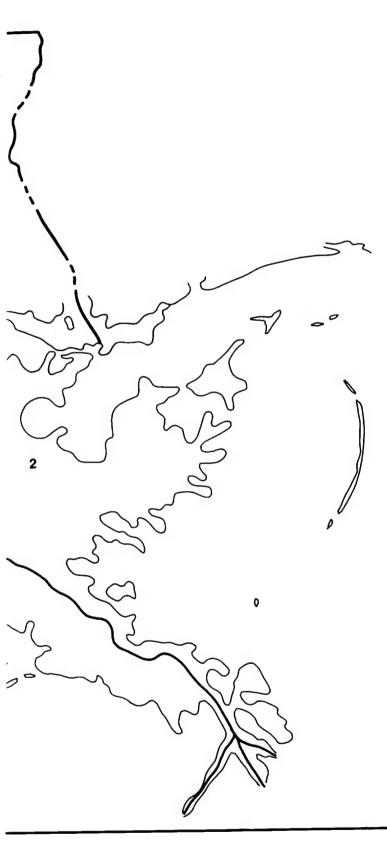


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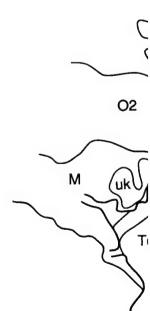
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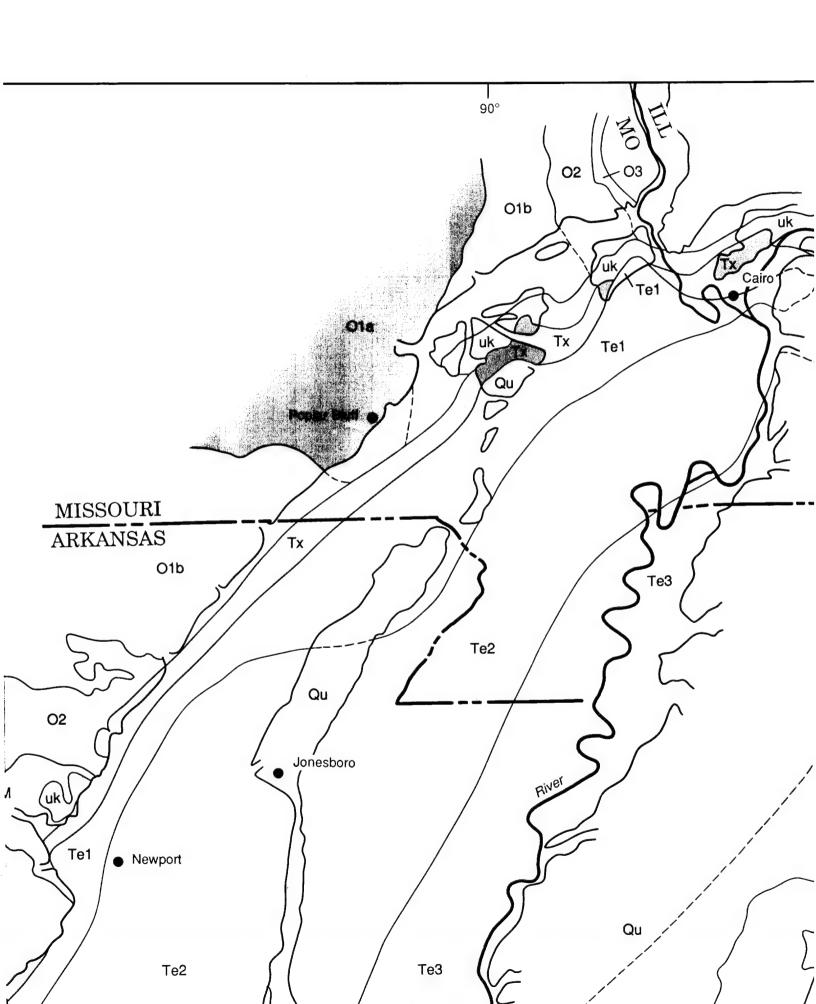


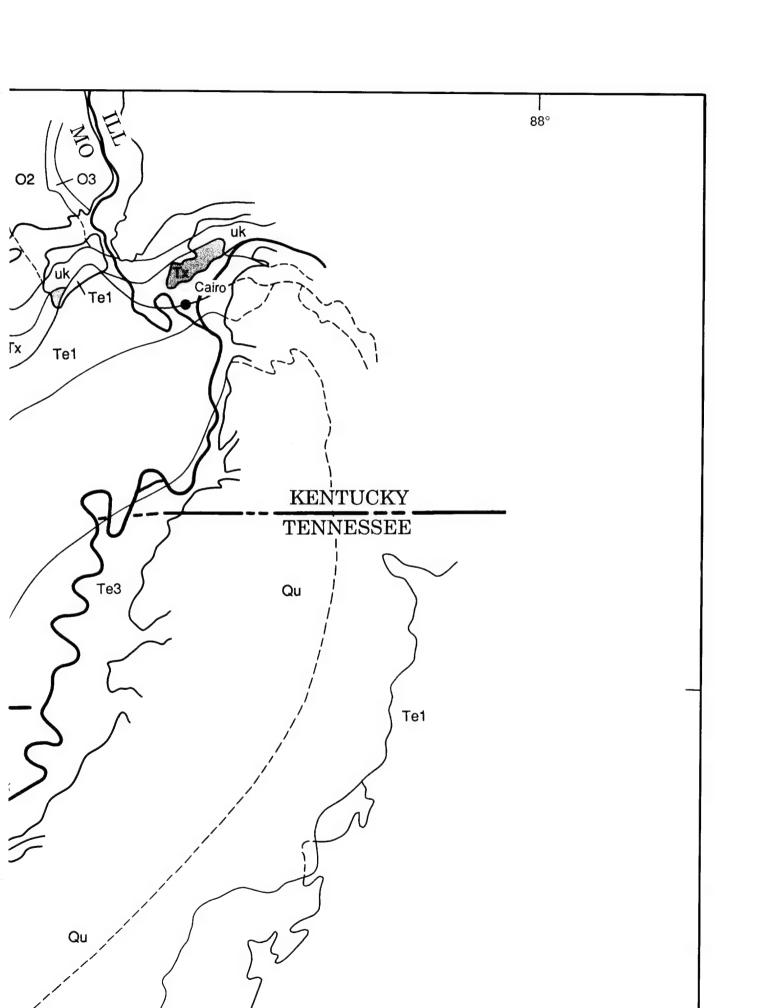
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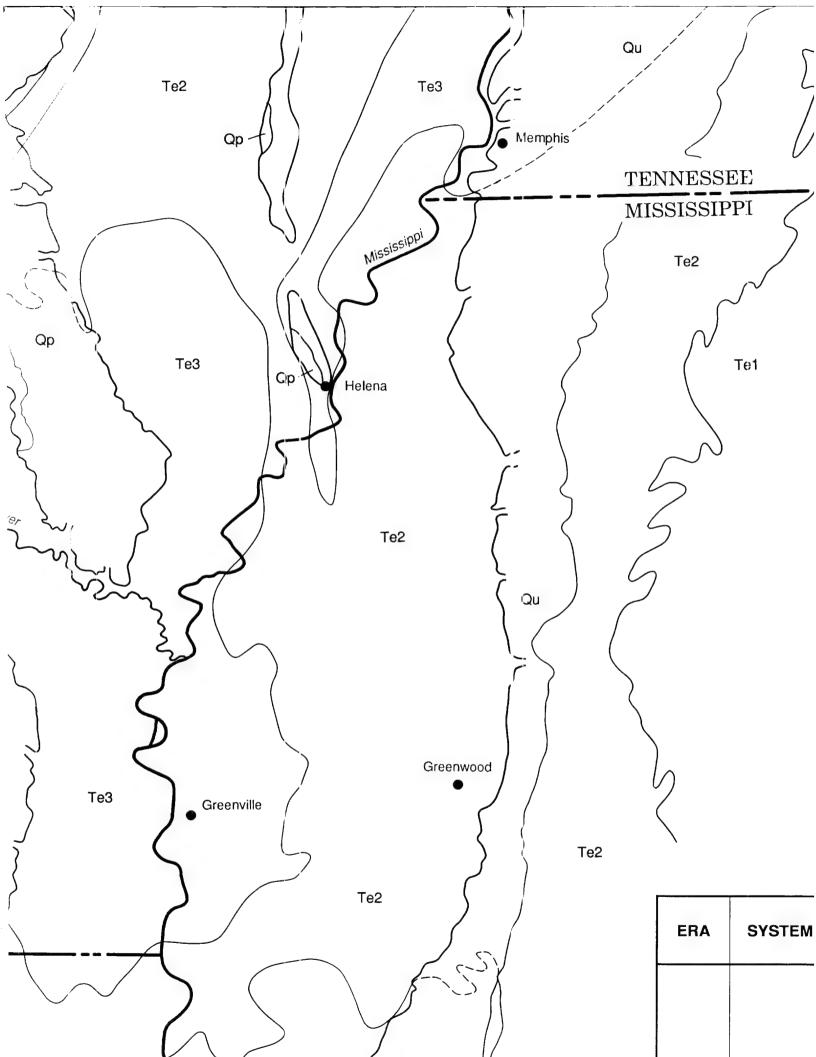


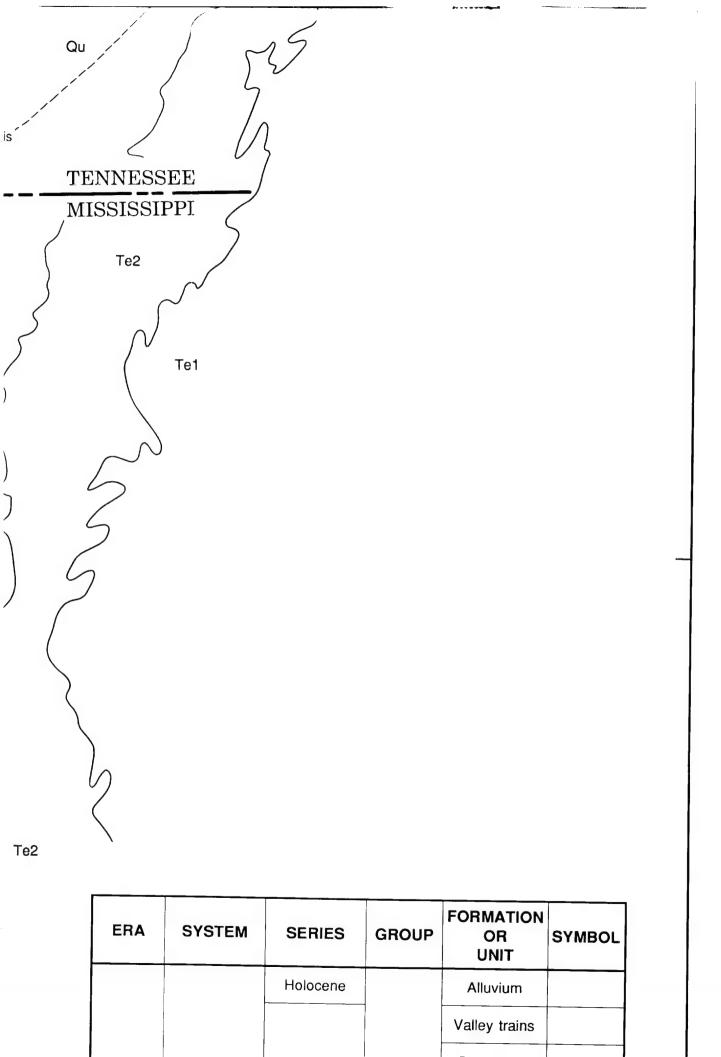
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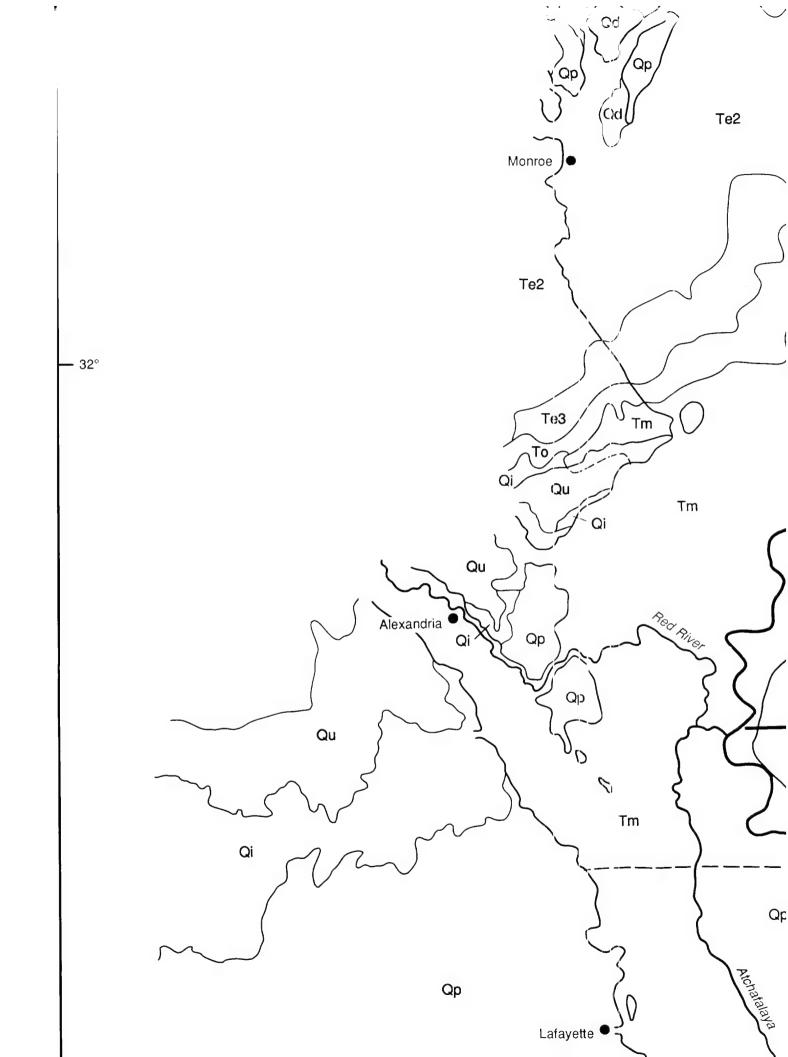


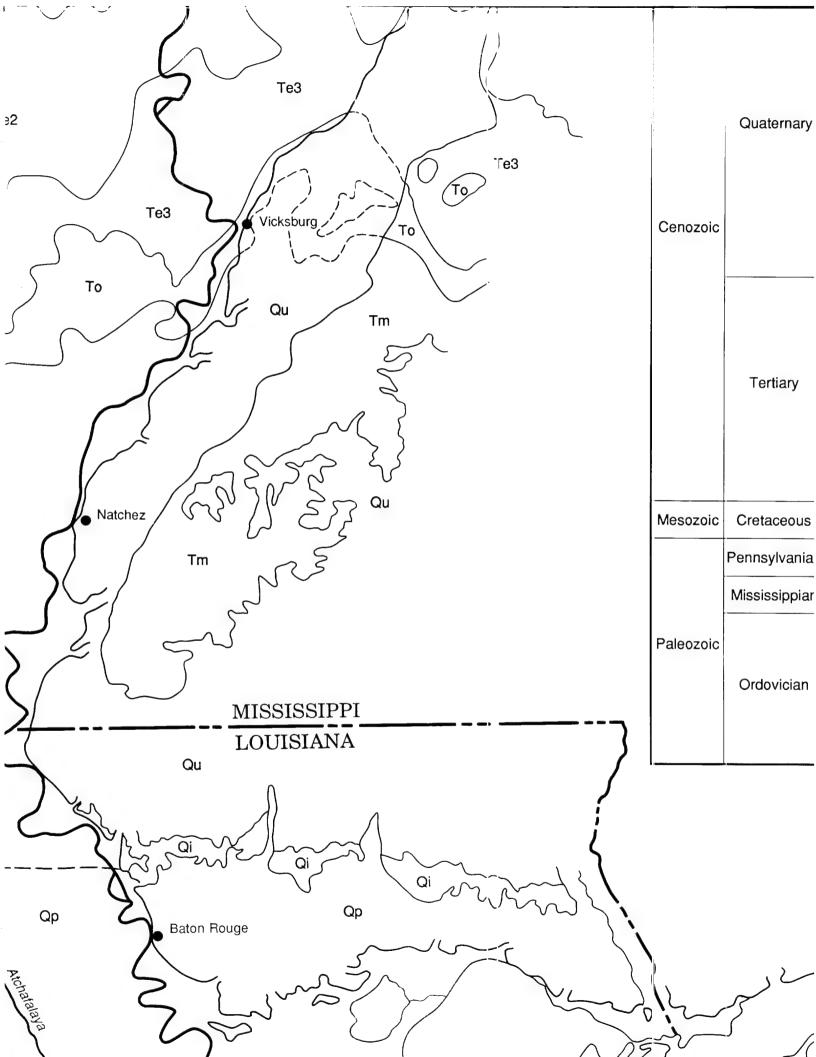


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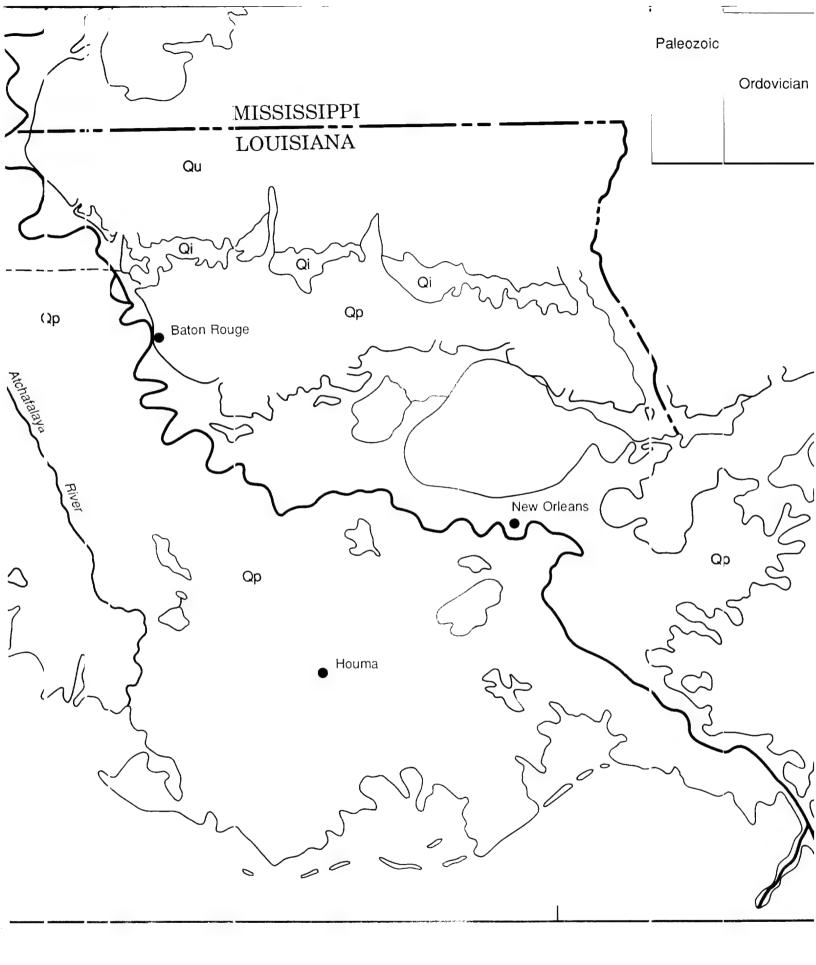


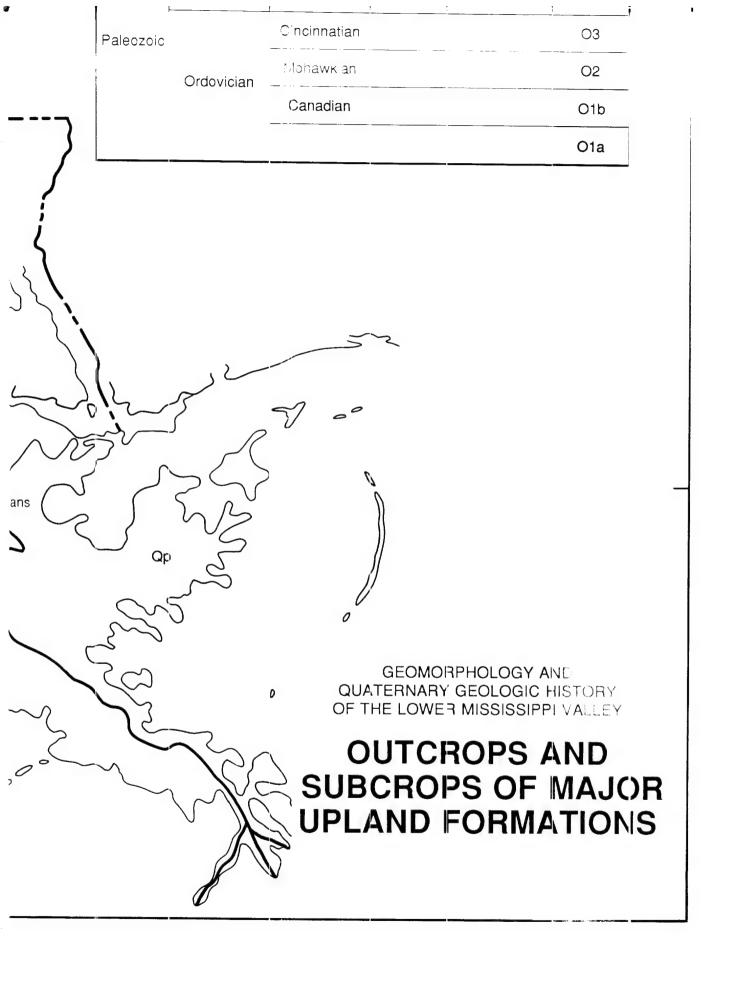


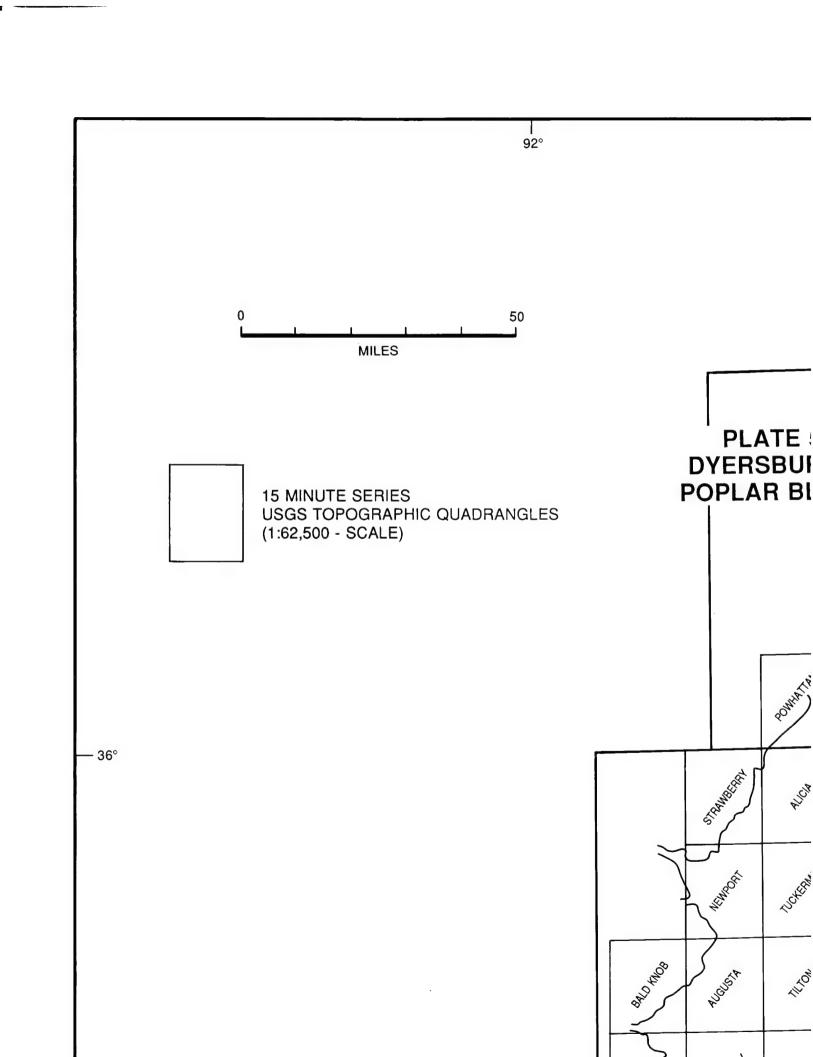
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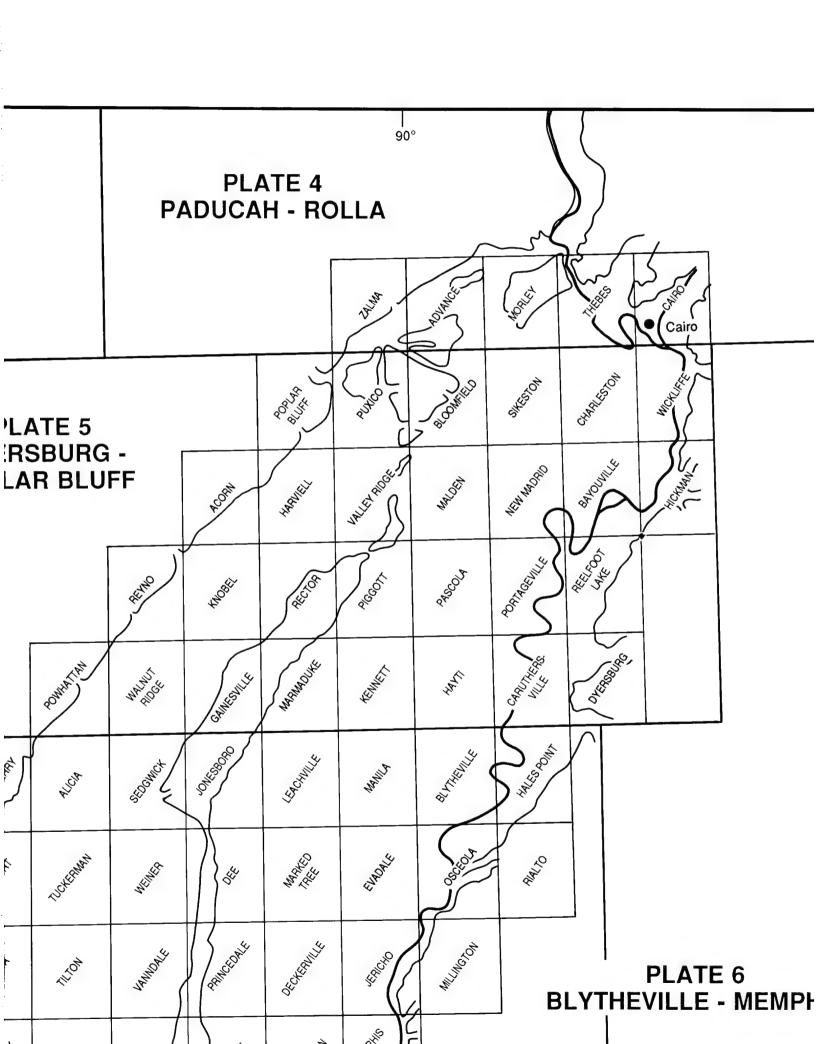
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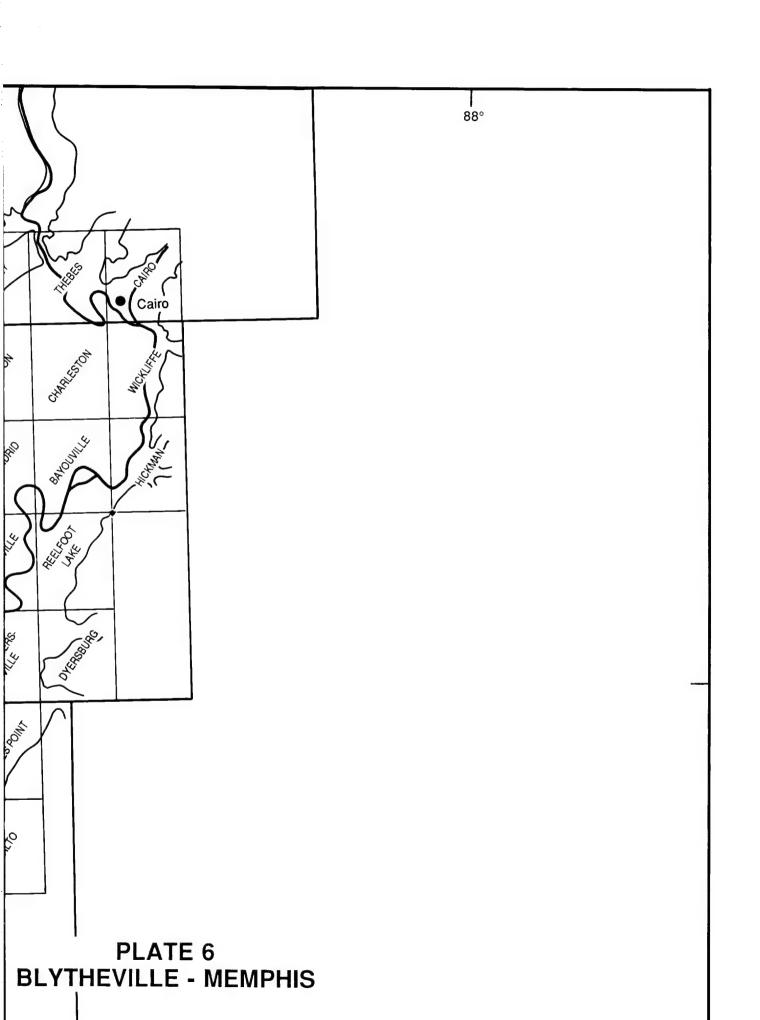
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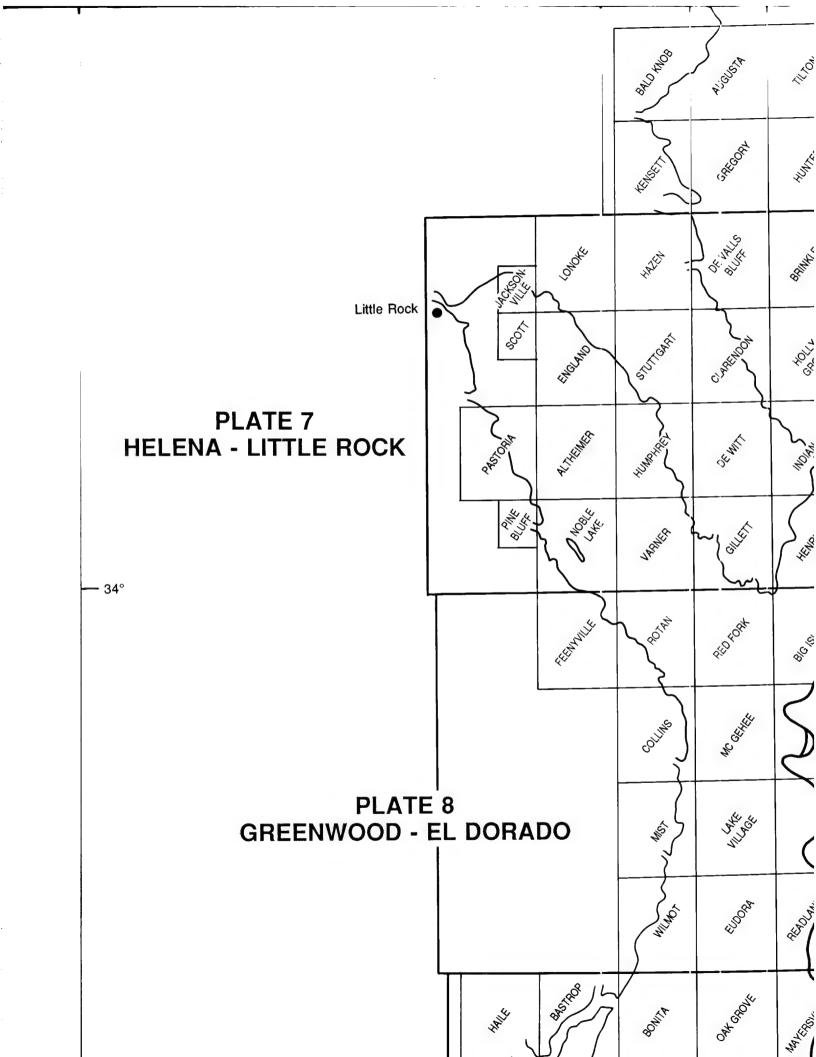






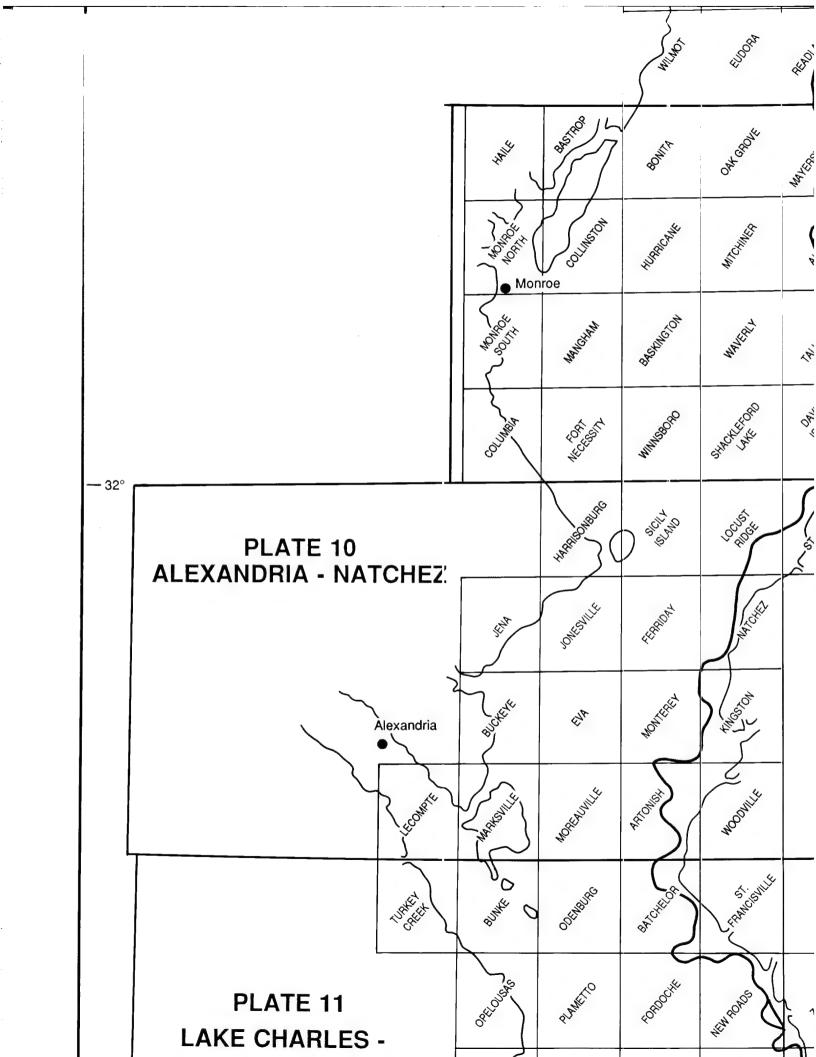


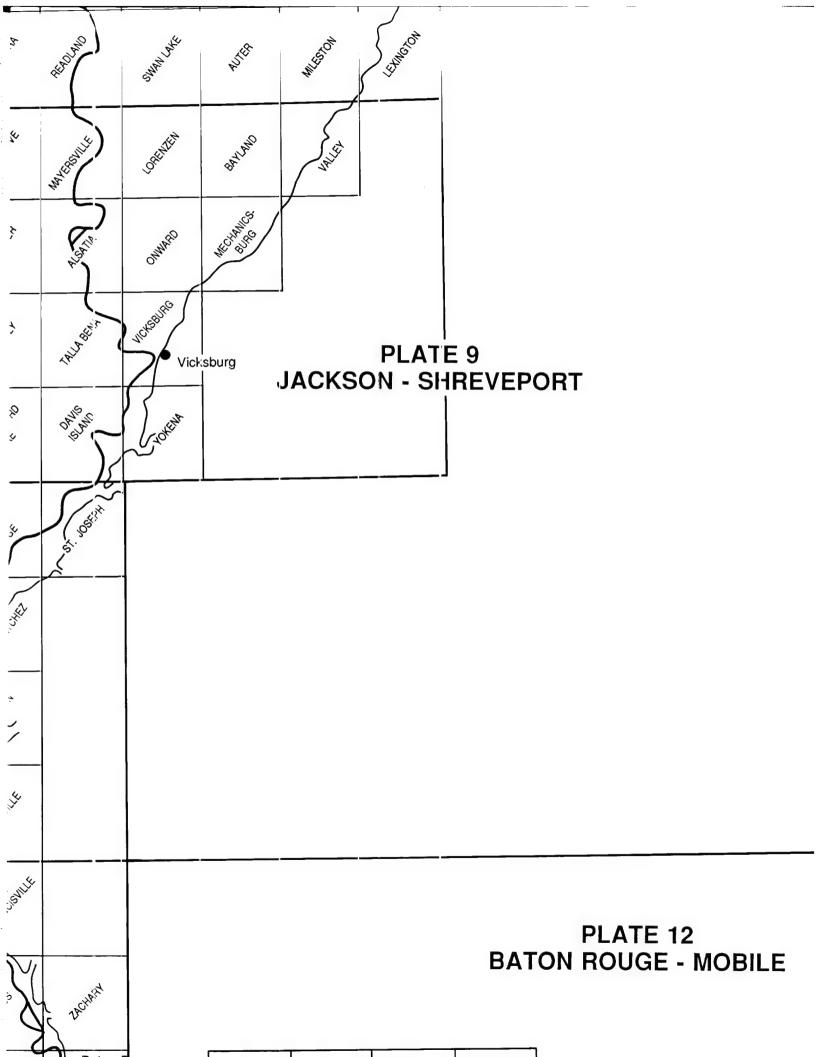




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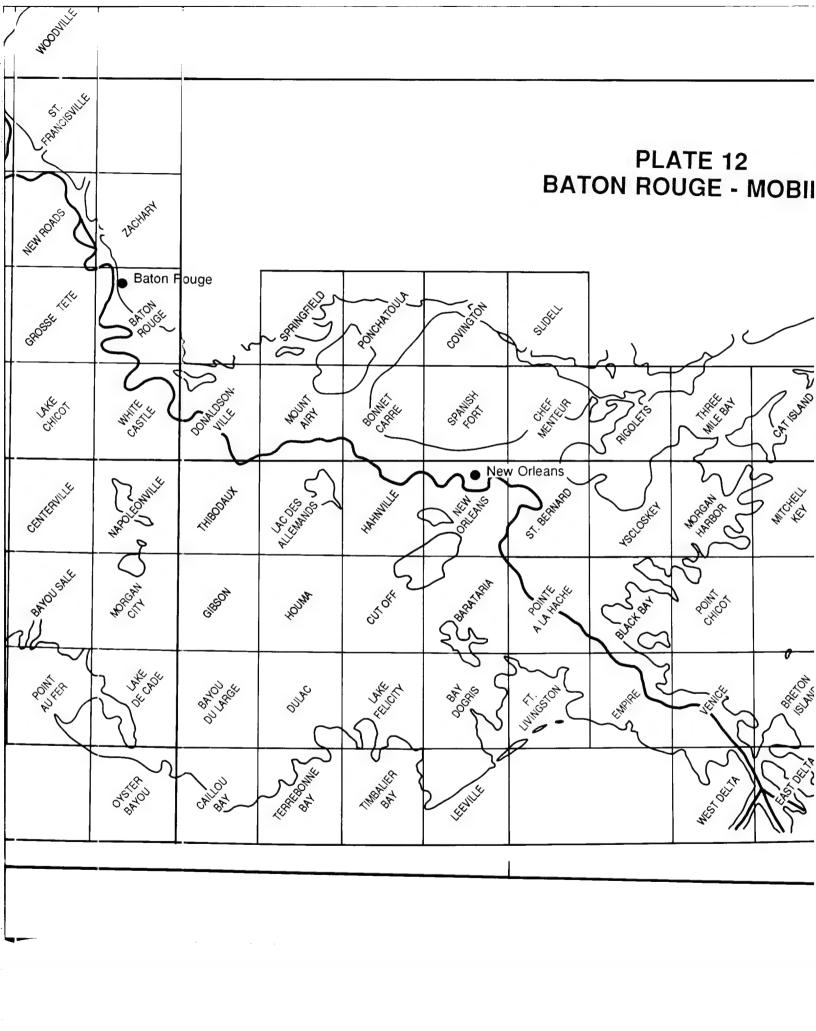
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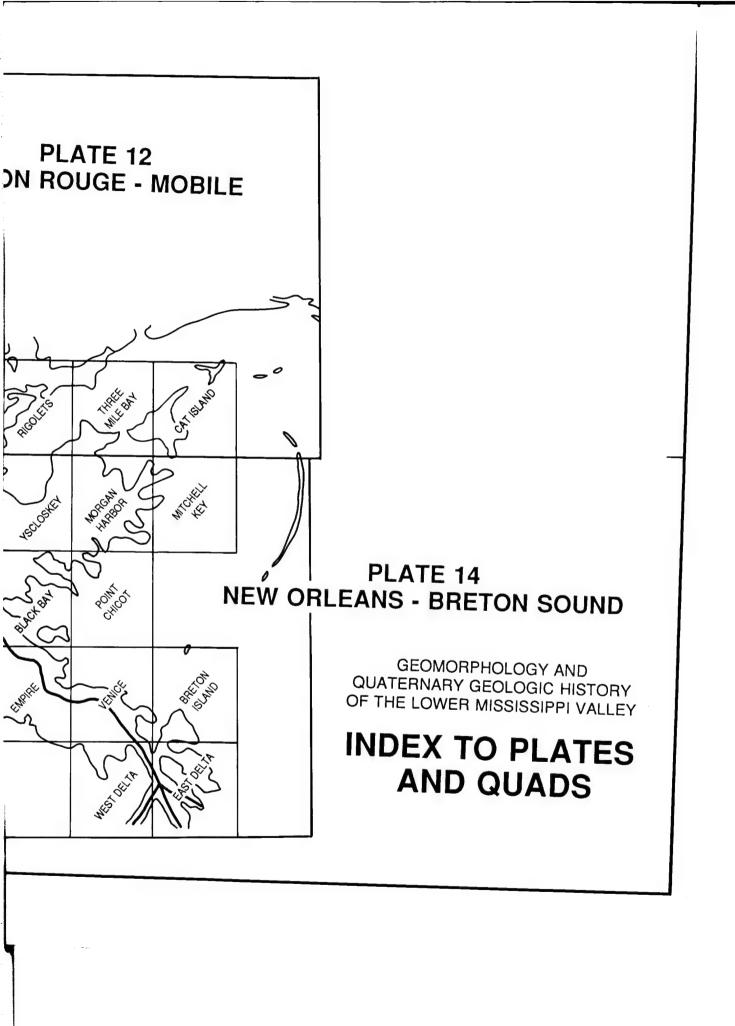




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Holocene Units (Deltaic and Chenier Plains)

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Principal abandoned deltaic distributaries of the Modern (M), Plaquemines (P St. Bernard (B), and Teche (T) delta complexes (delta lobes). (U) denotes description not known.

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Interdistributary deposits. Represents brackish to saline marsh environments

Hds

Inland swamp deposits. Represents freshwater swamp environment.

Hdlp

Lacustrine and lacustrine deltaic deposits of the Atchafalaya Basin.

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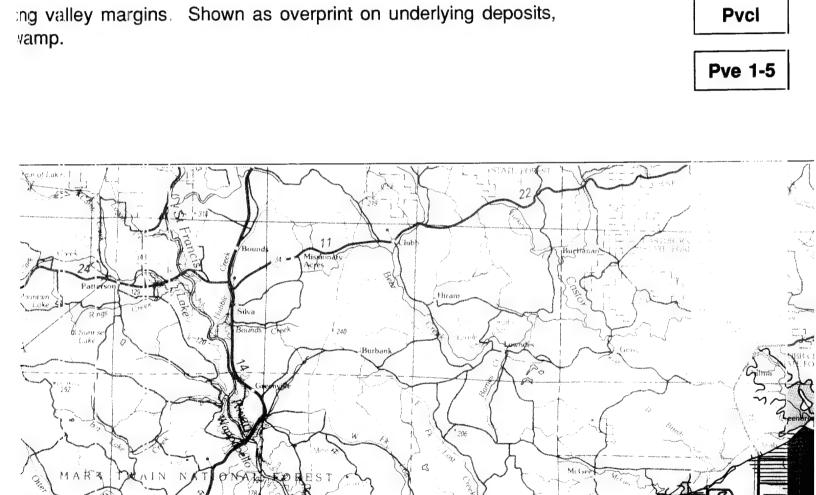
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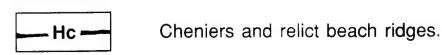
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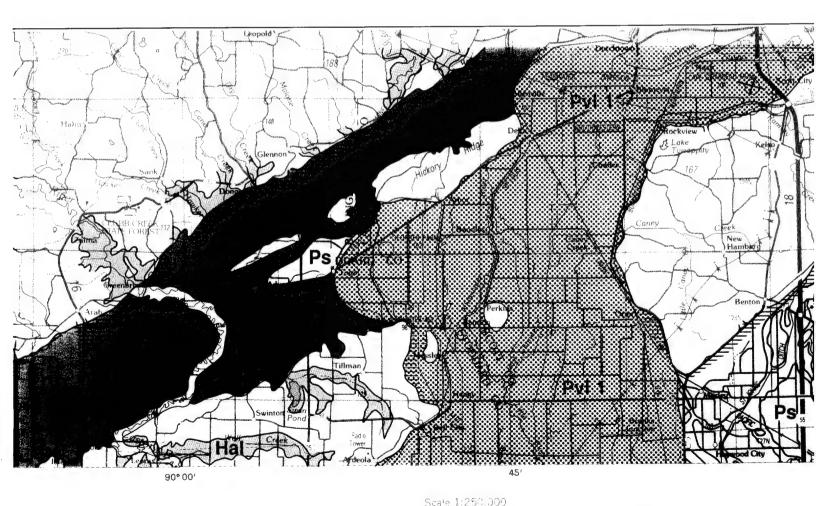
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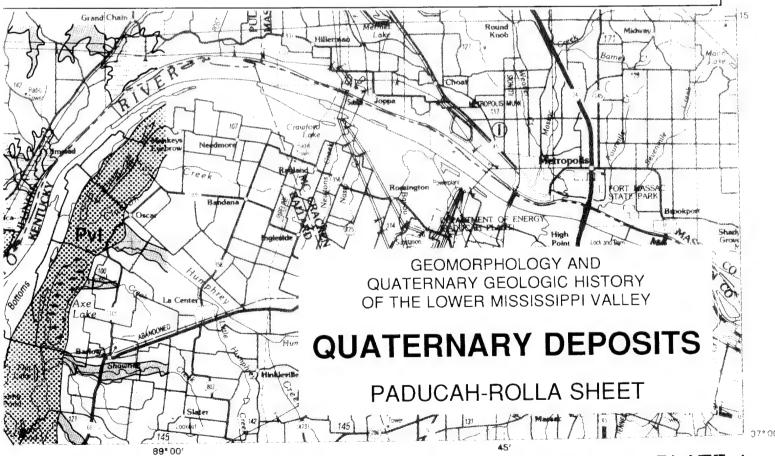
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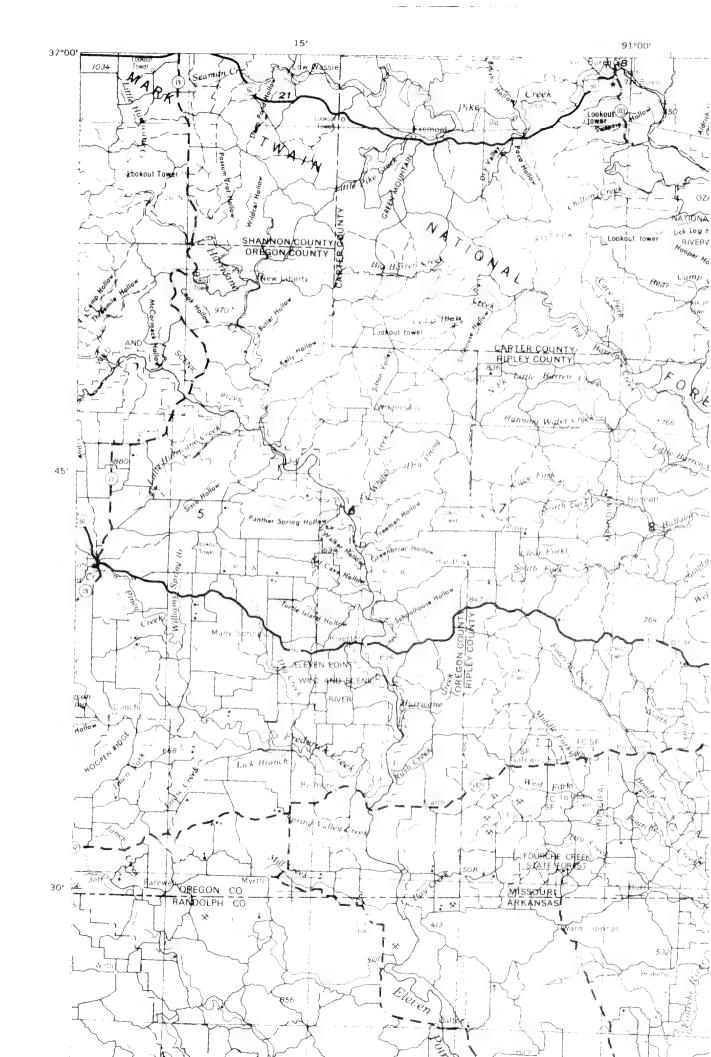
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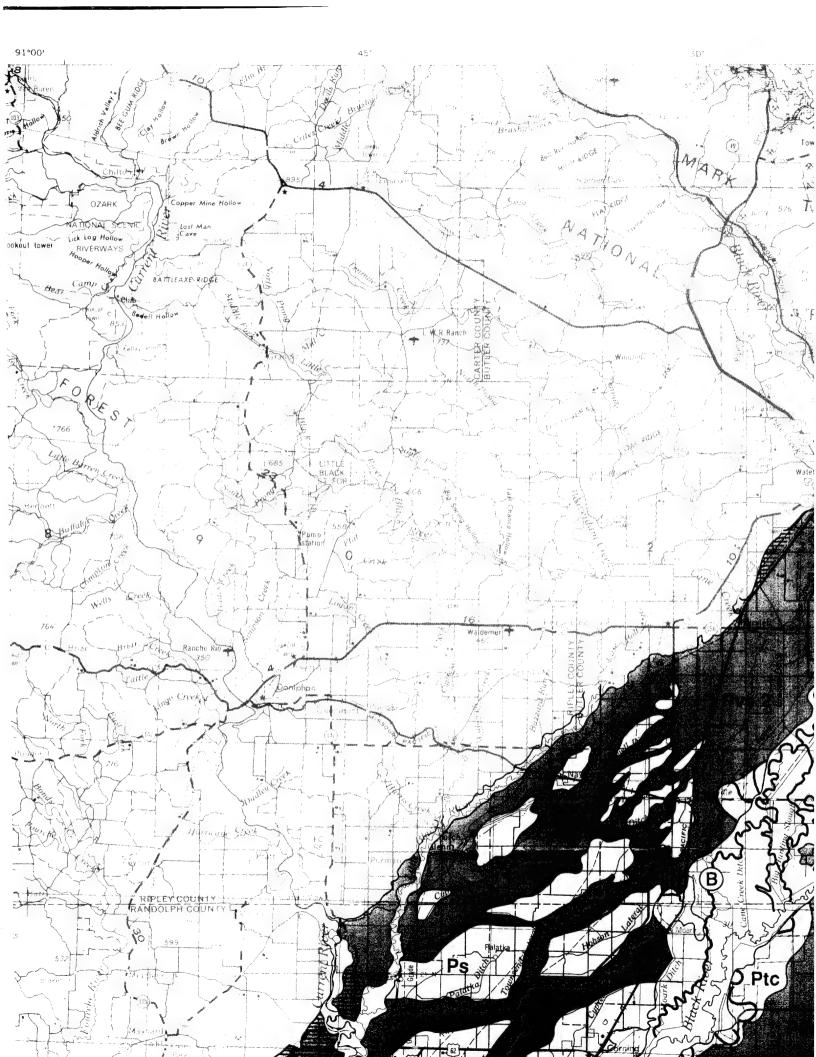
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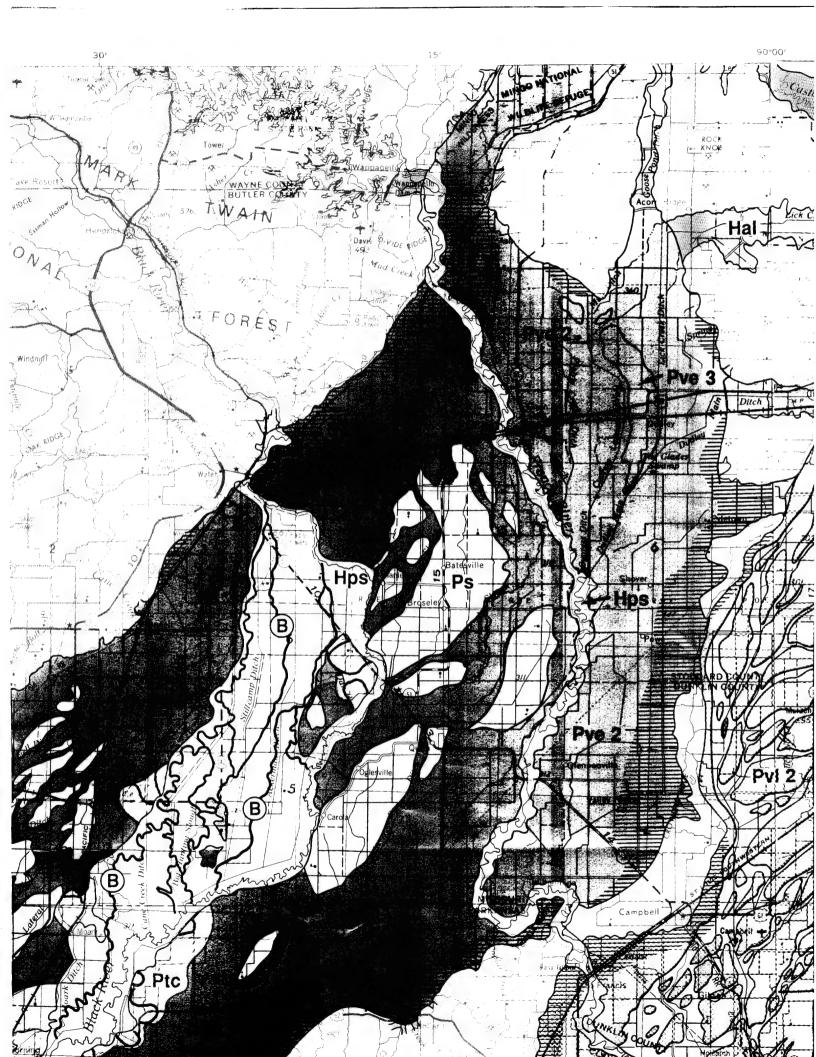
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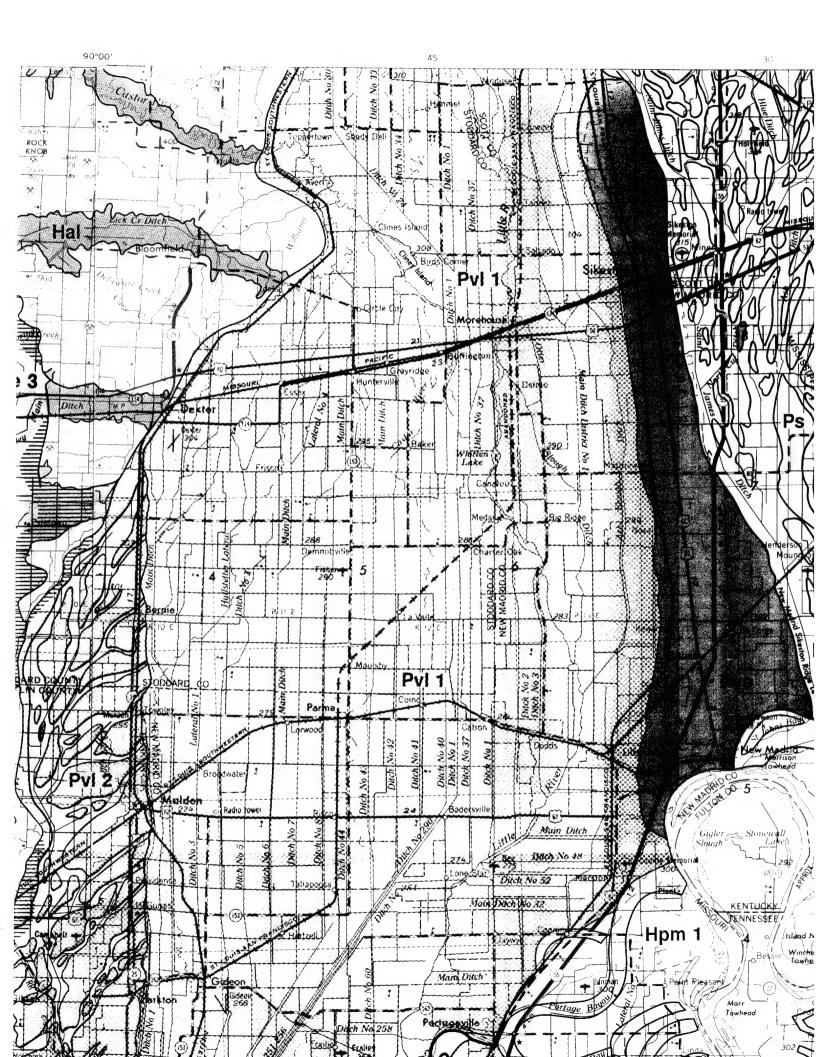
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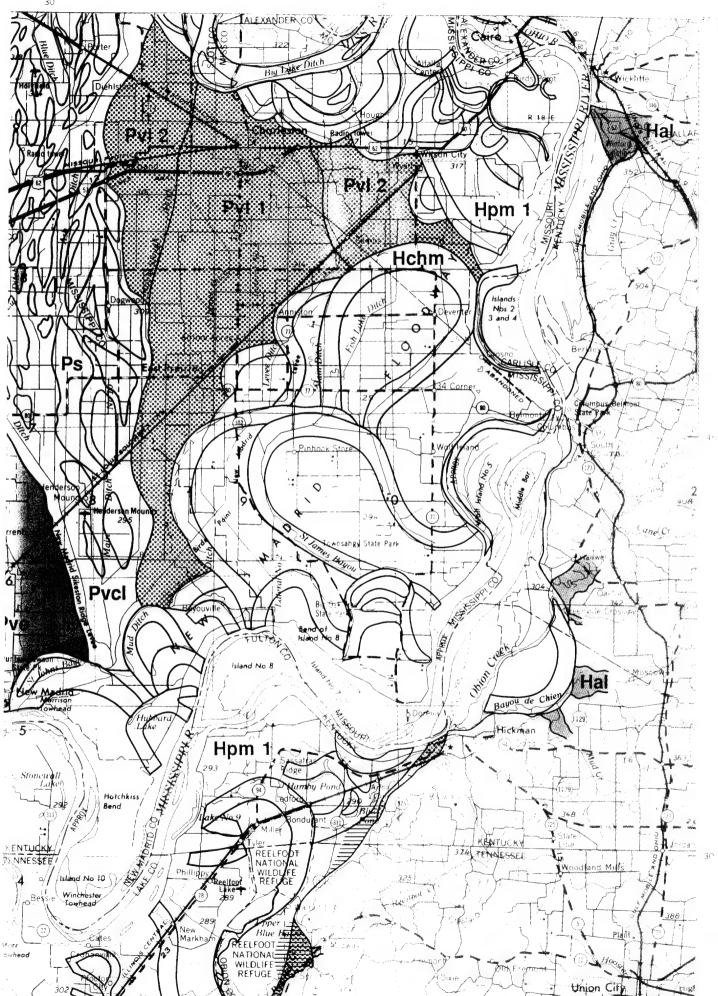


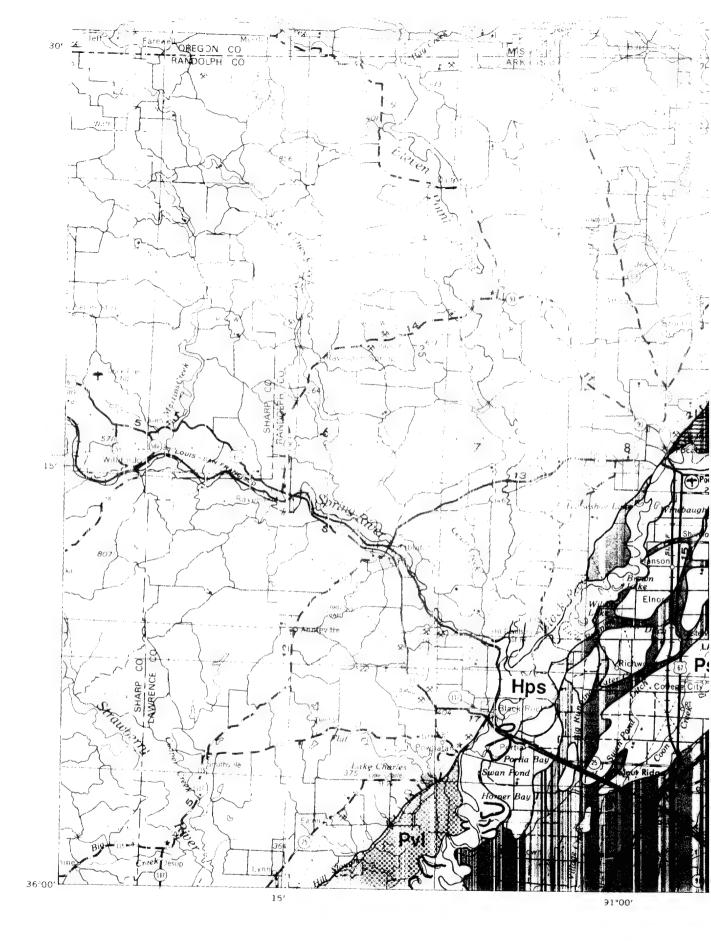


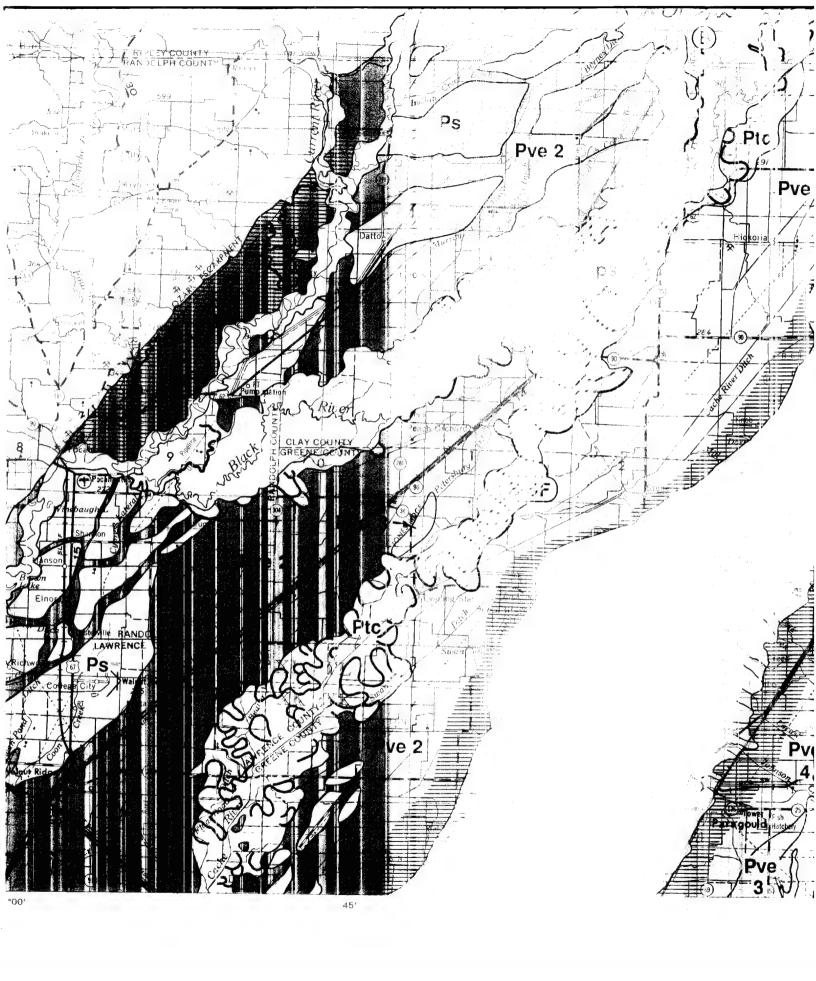


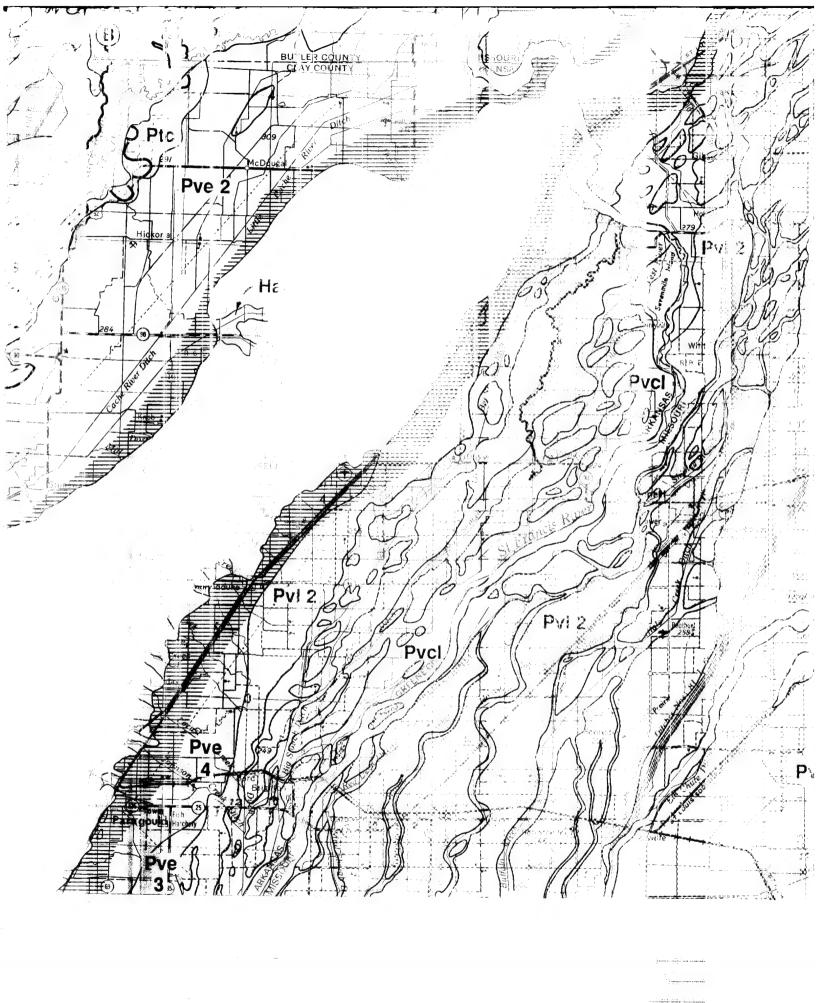


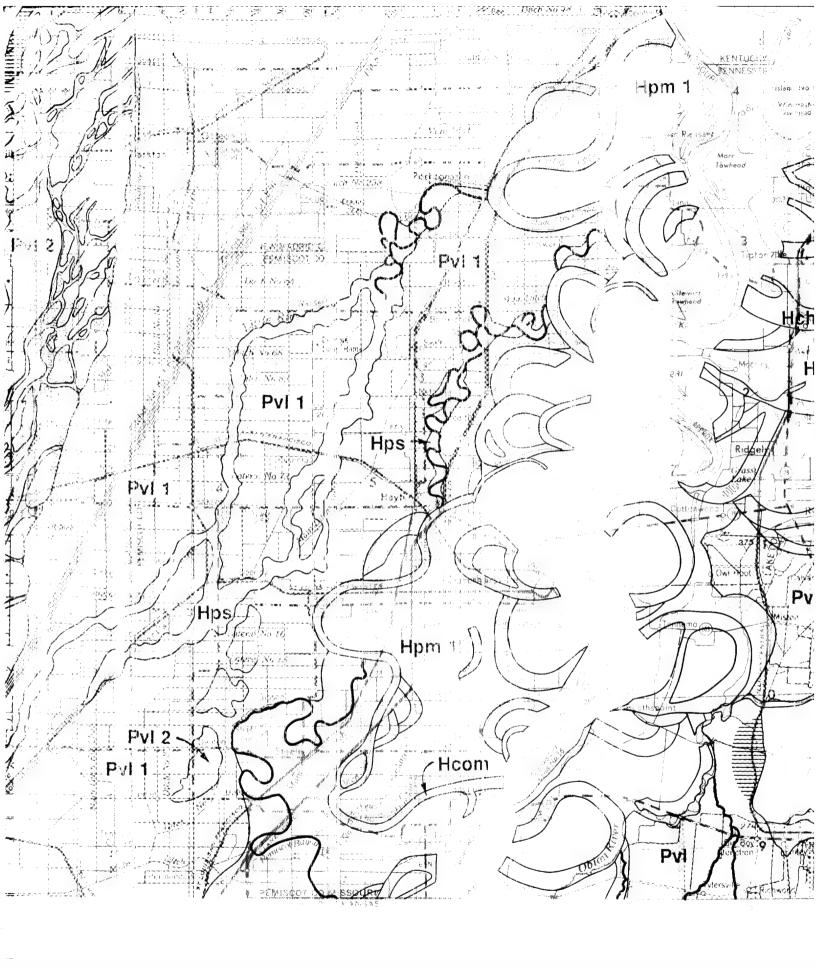












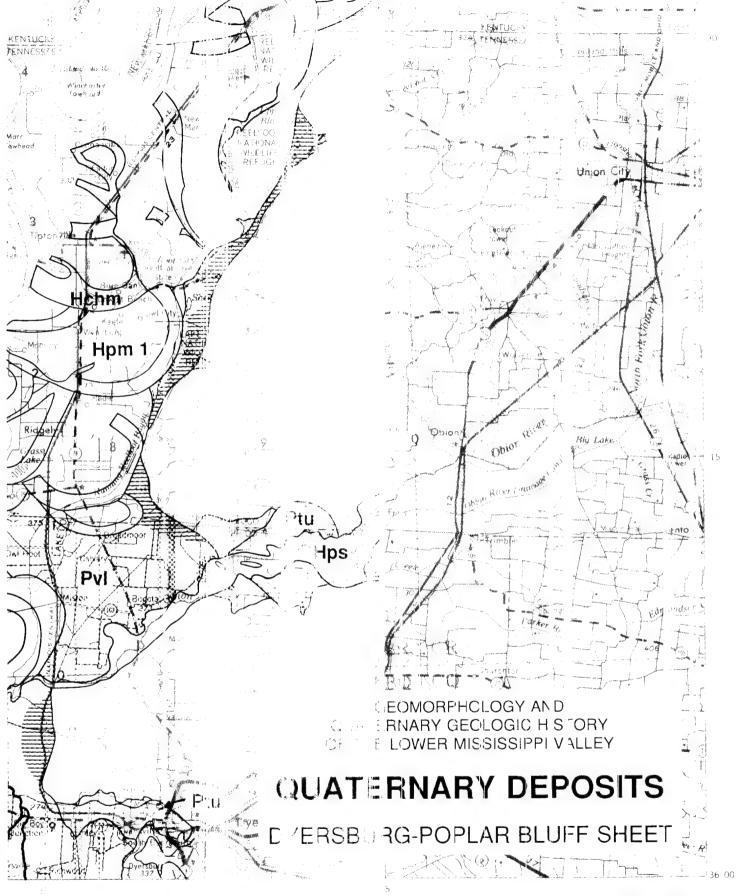
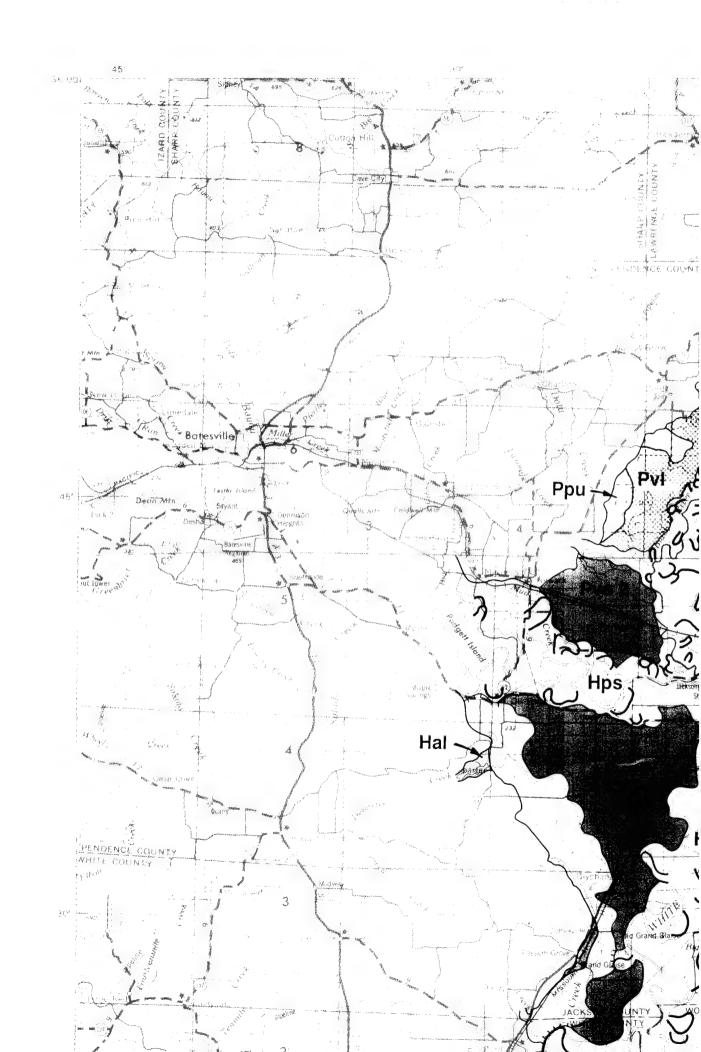
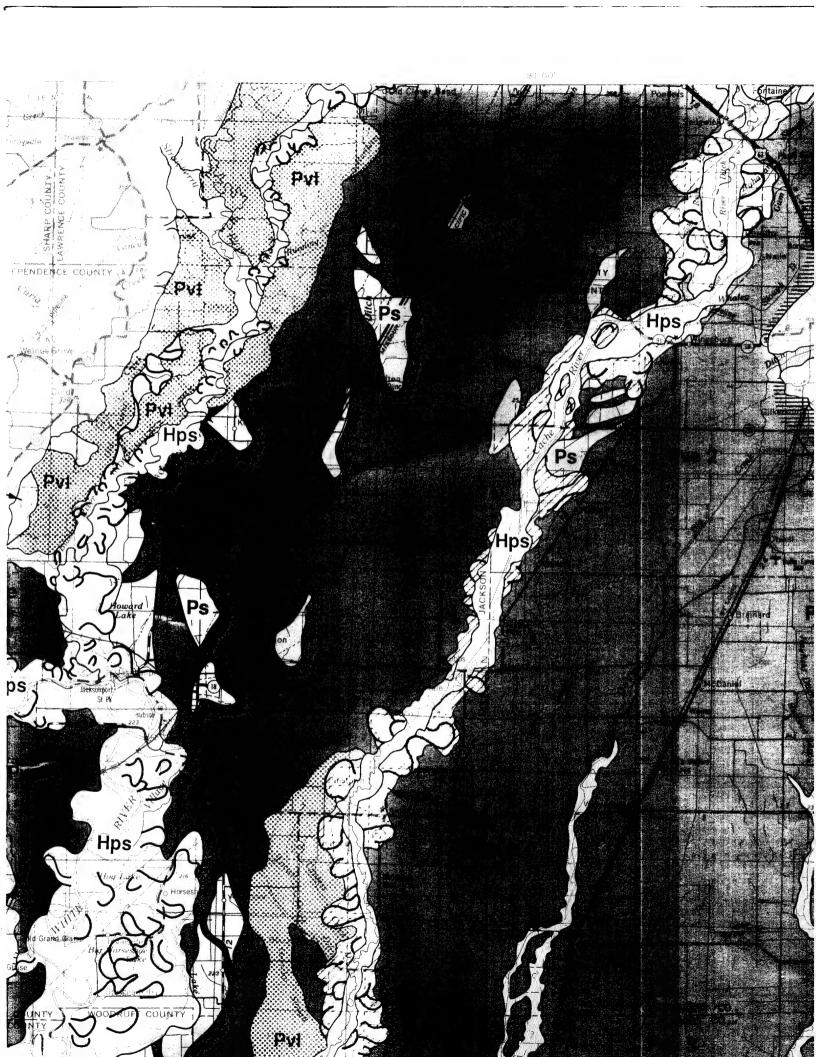
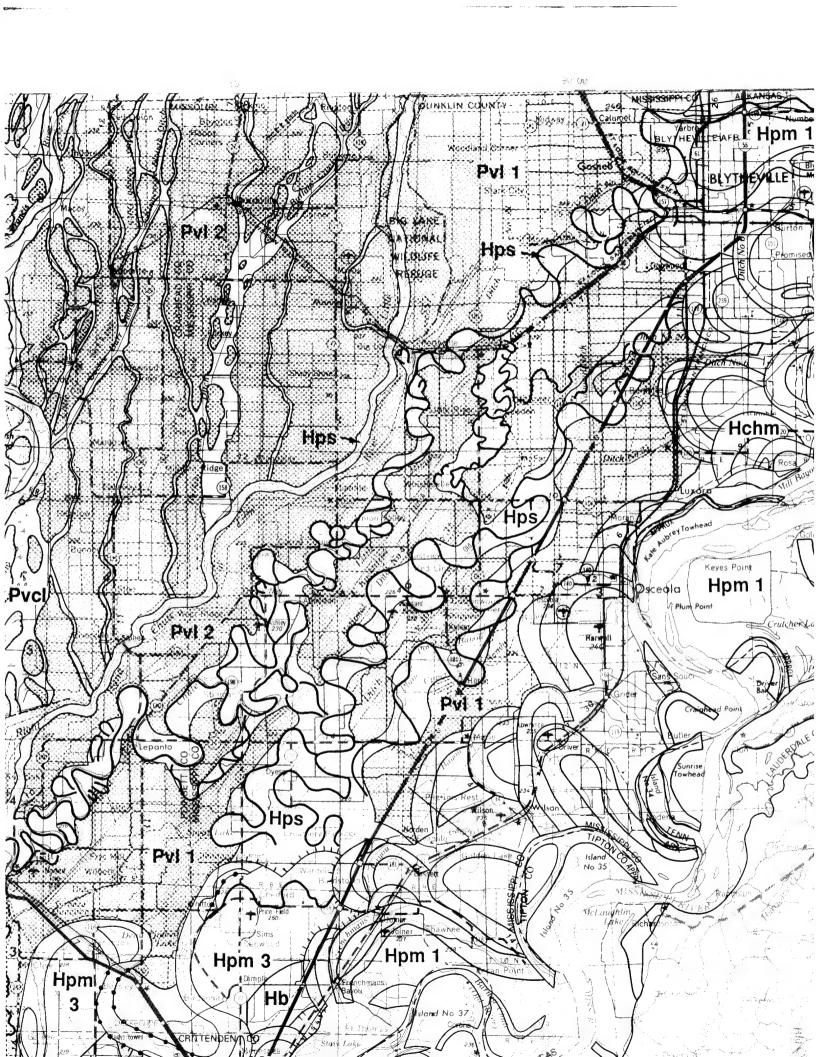


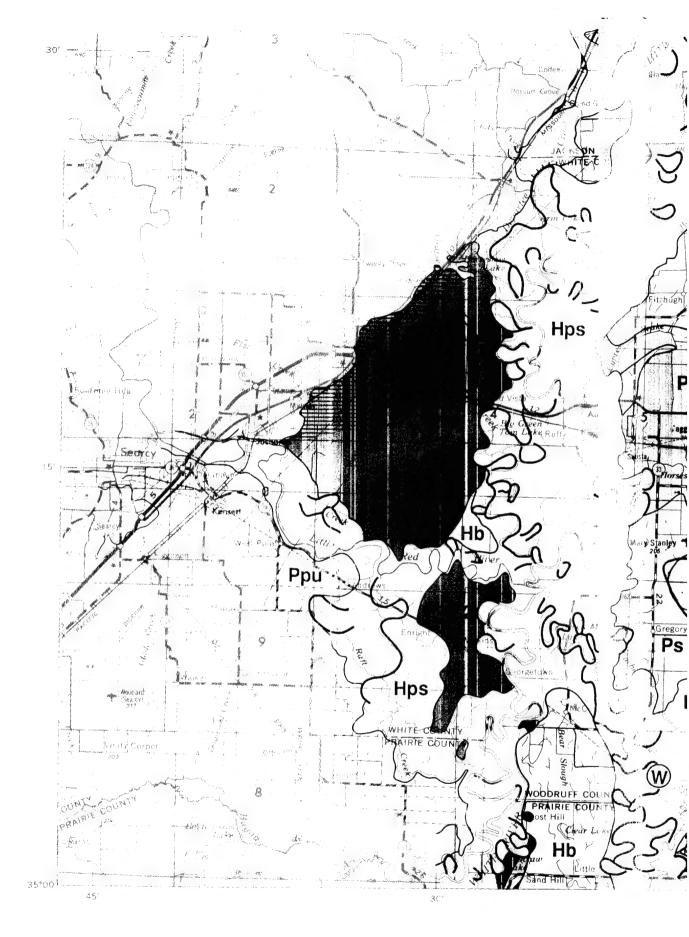
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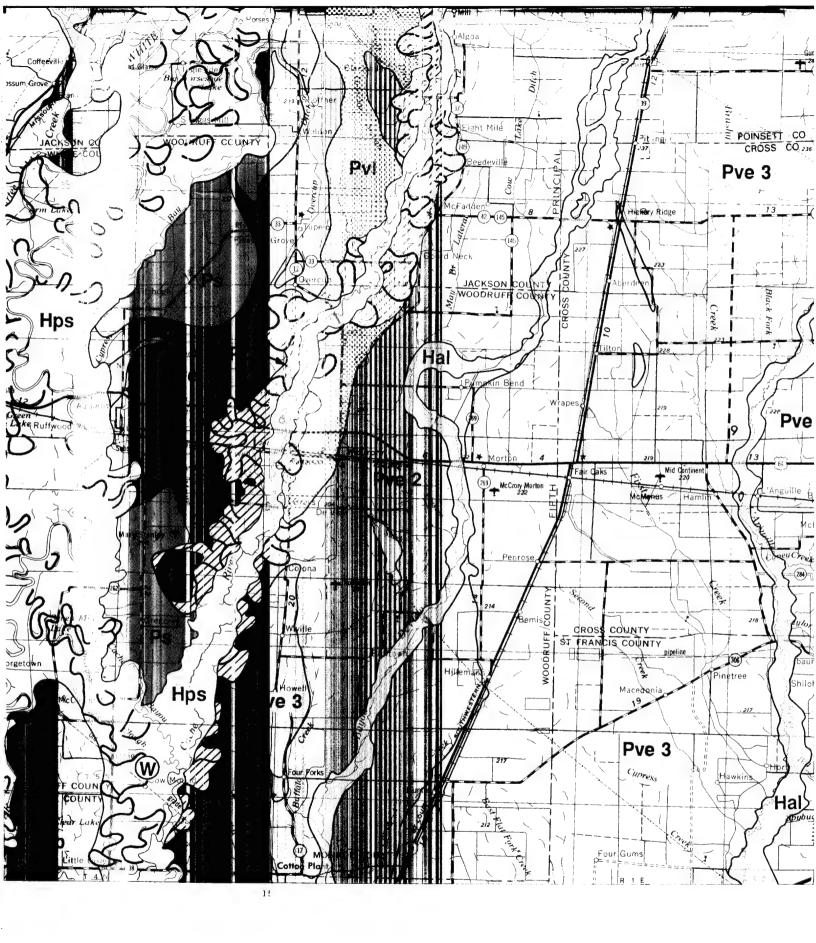


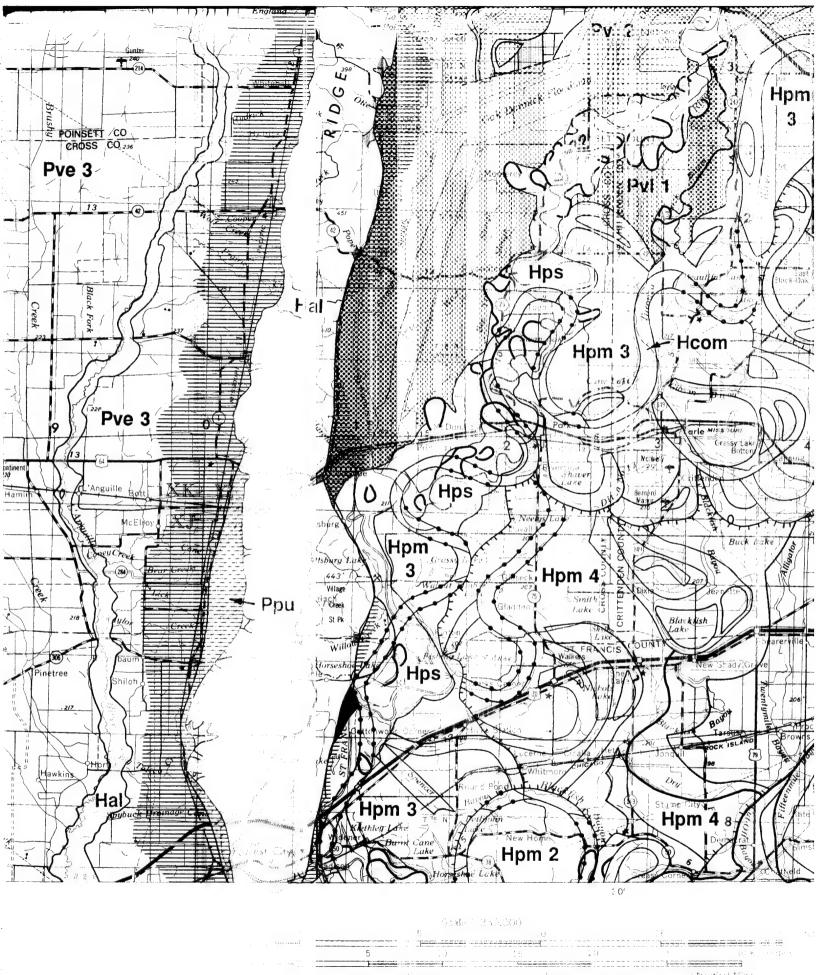


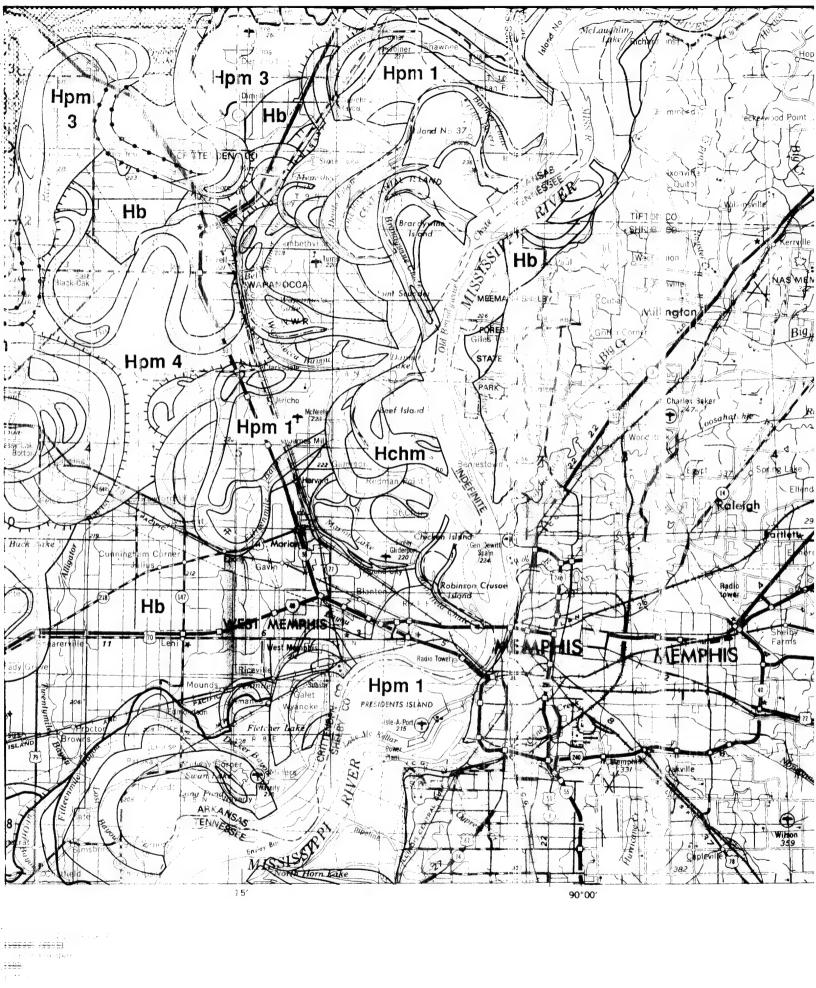












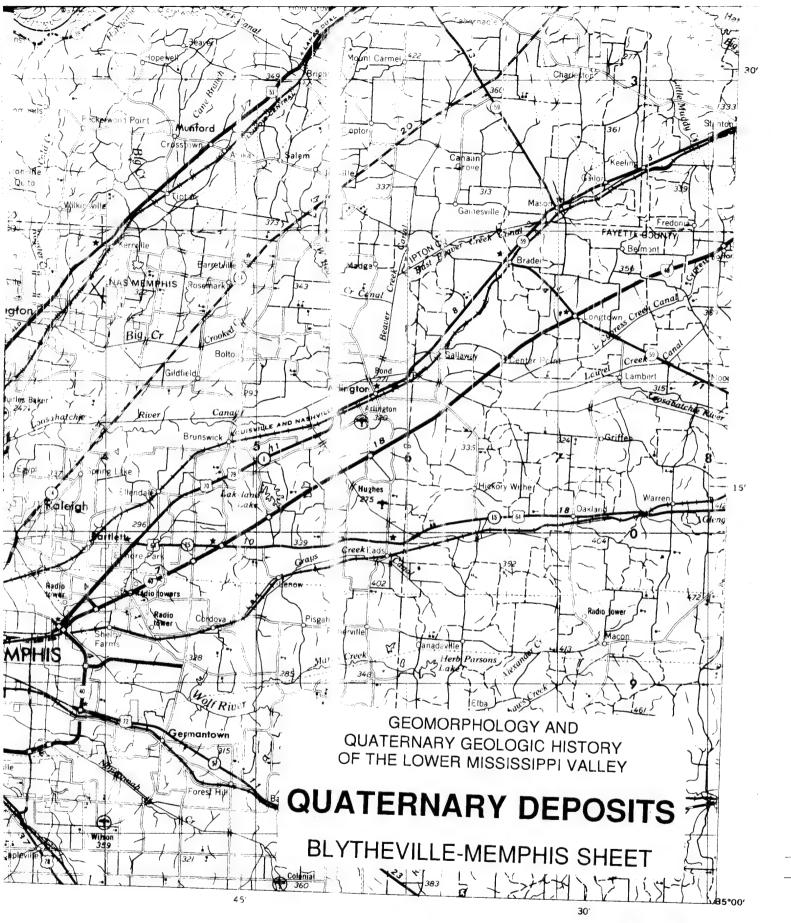
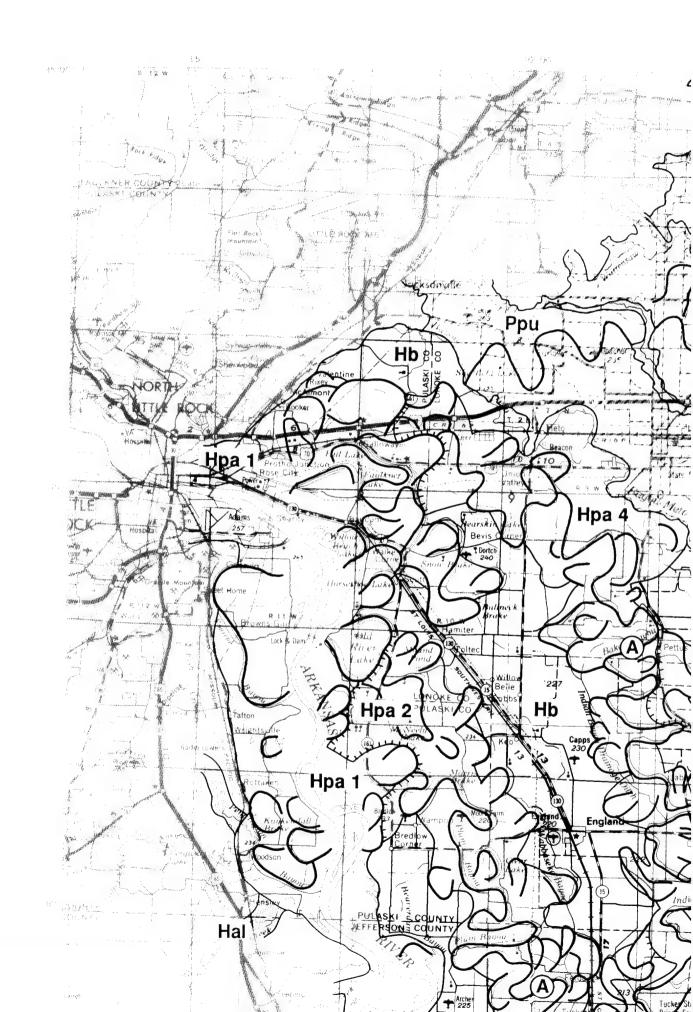
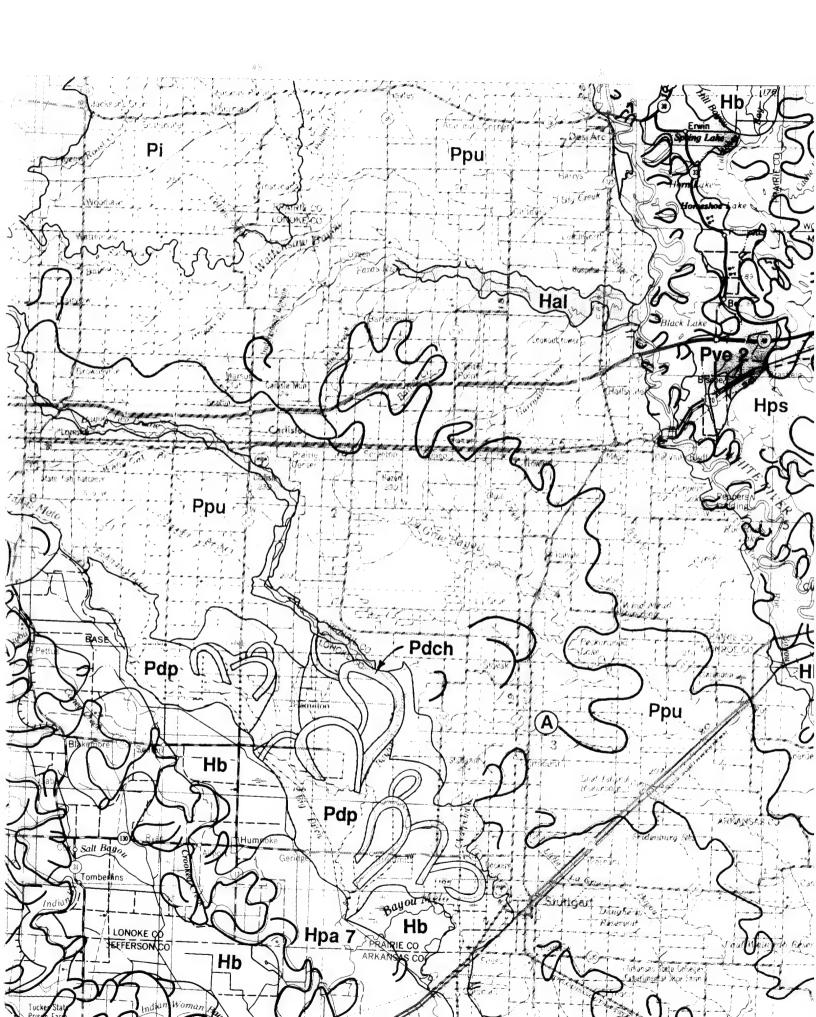
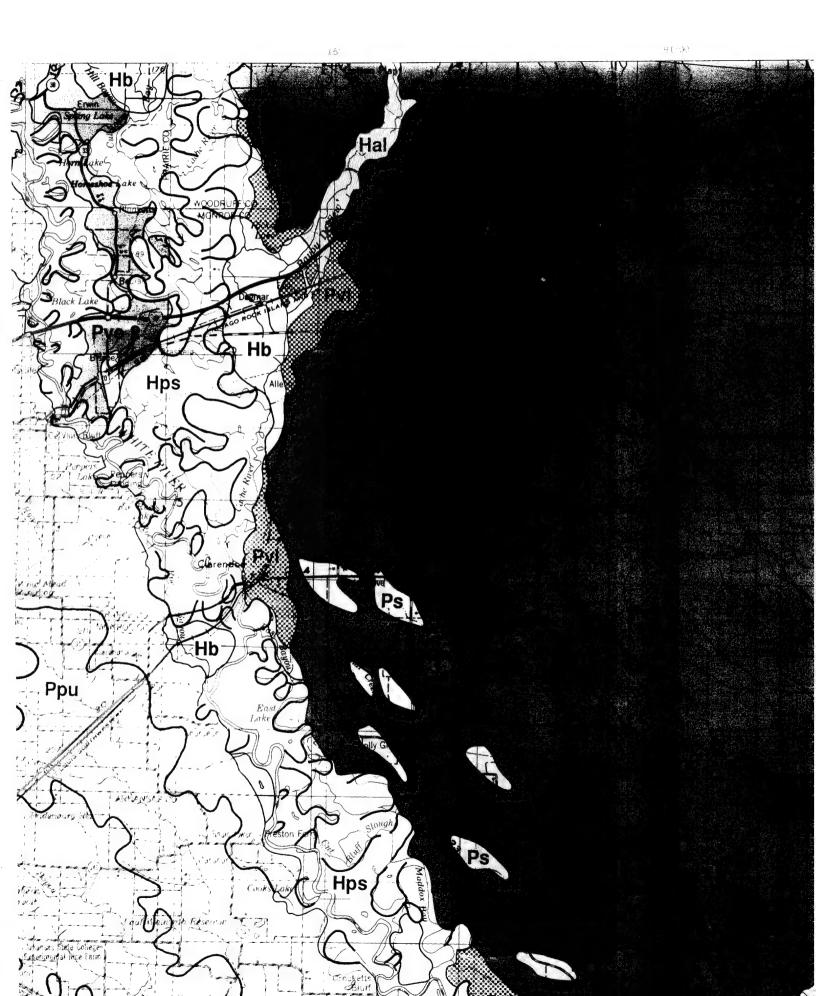
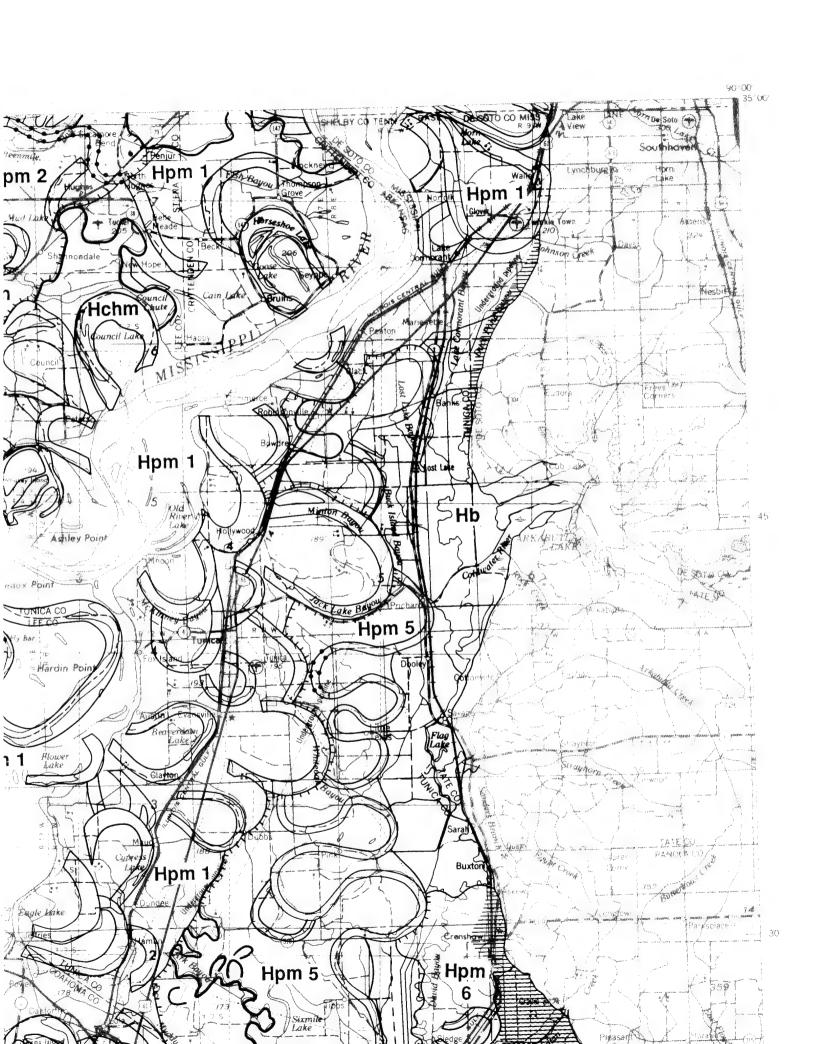


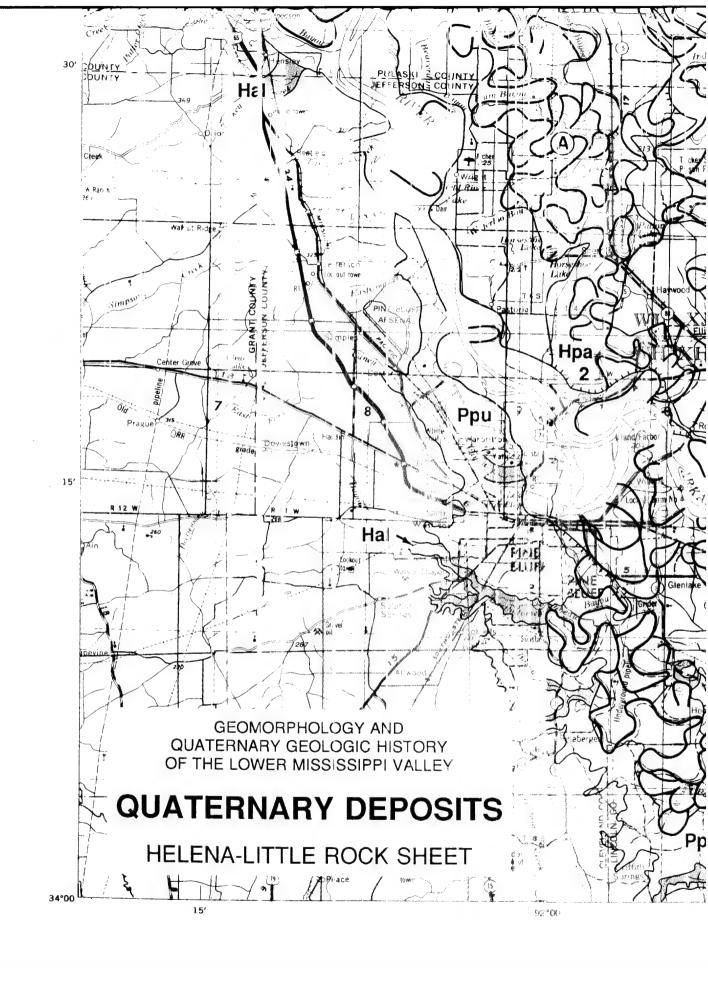
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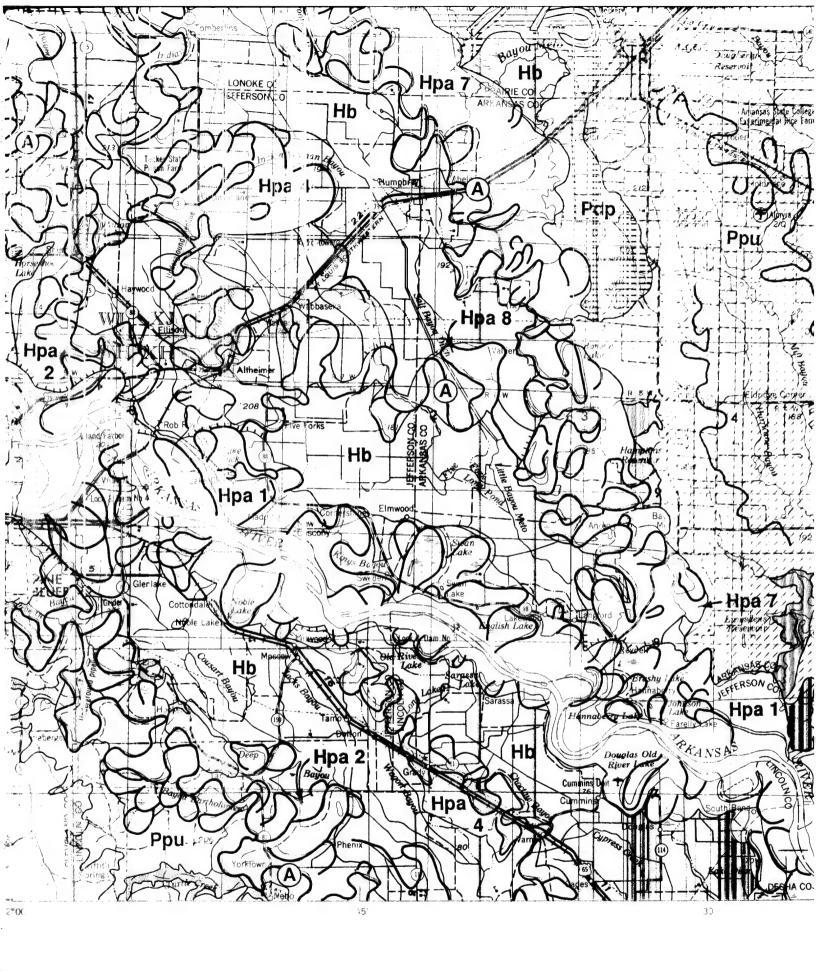


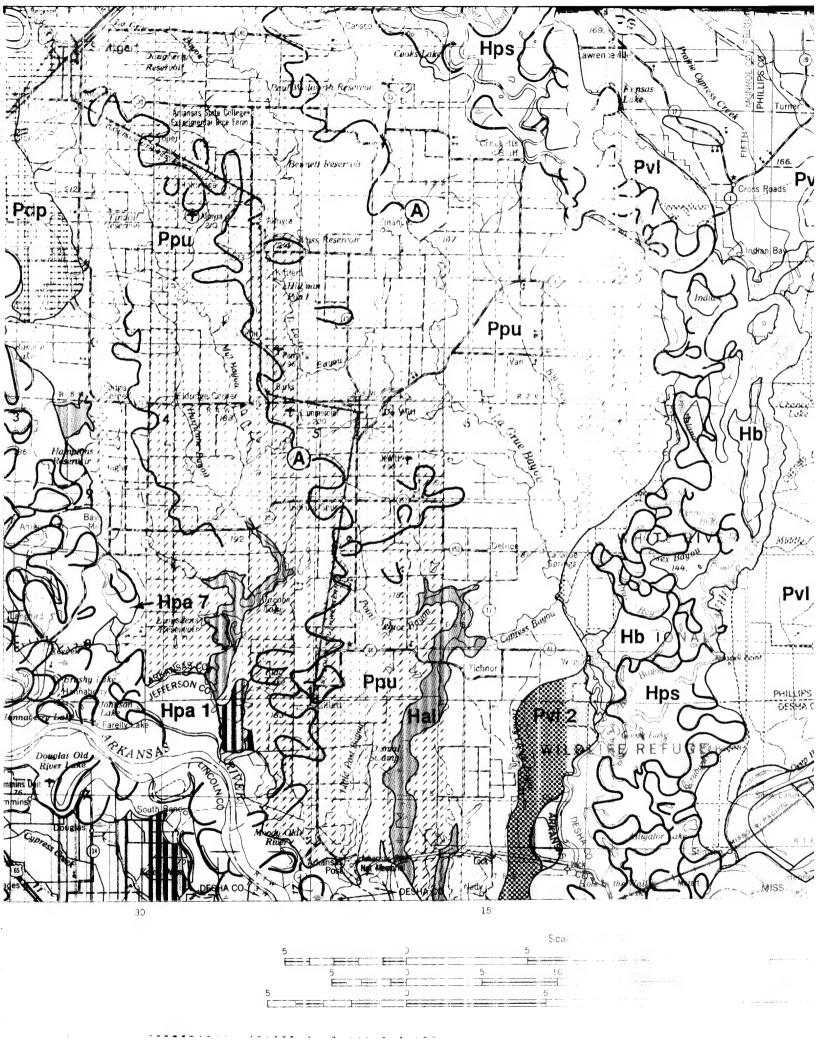


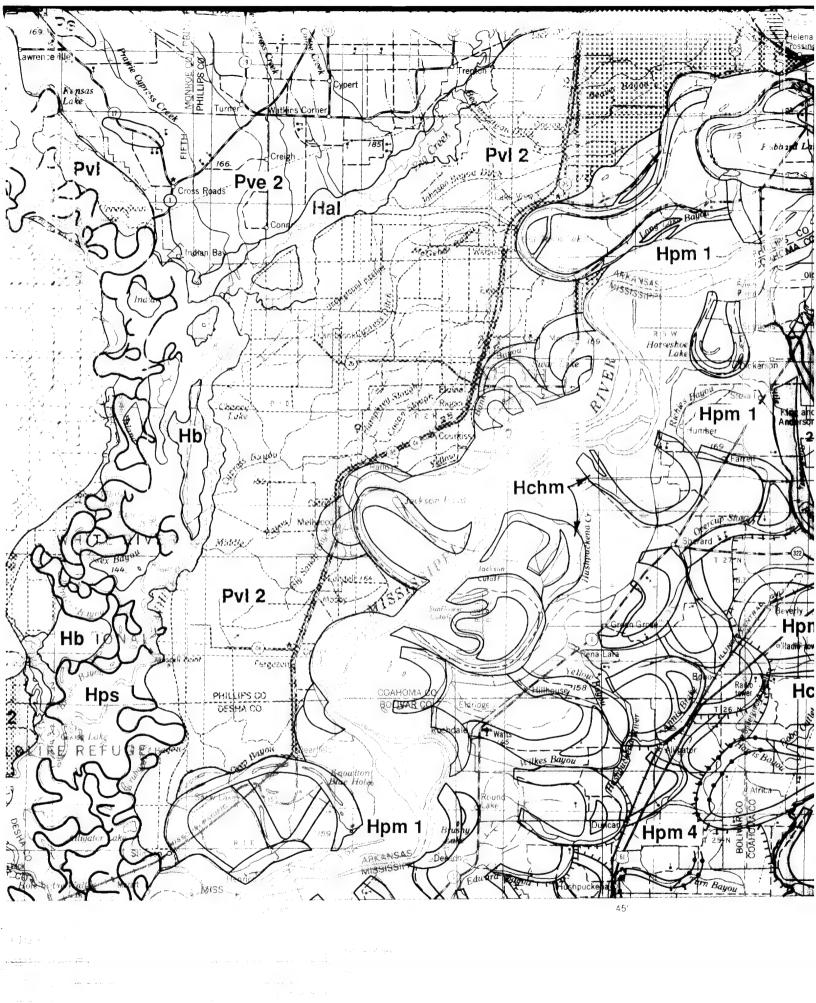














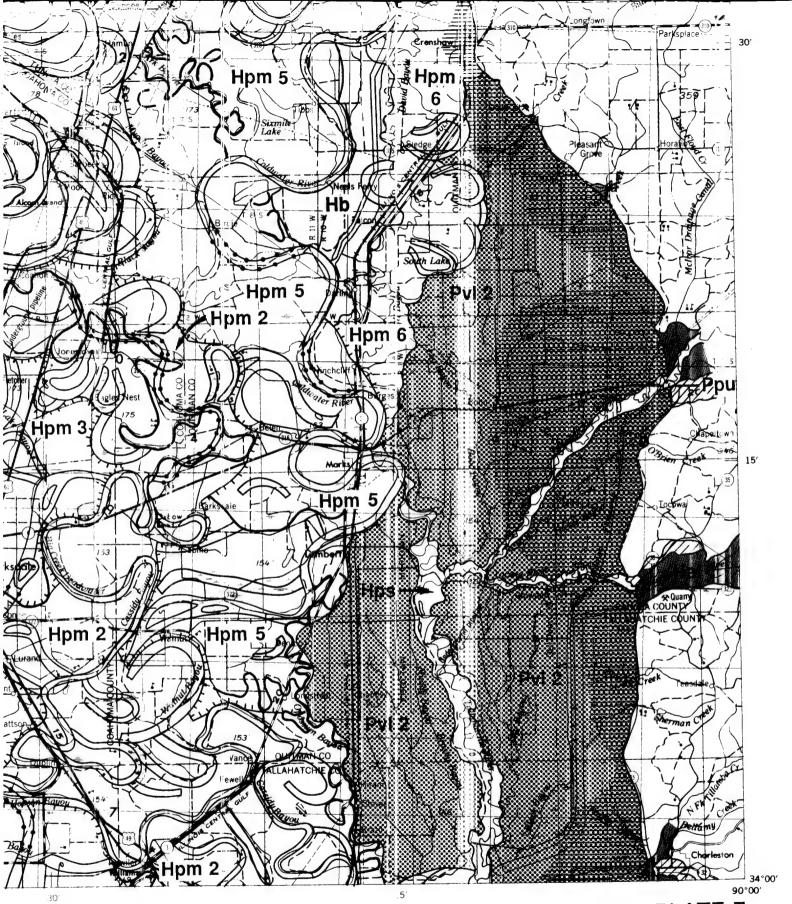
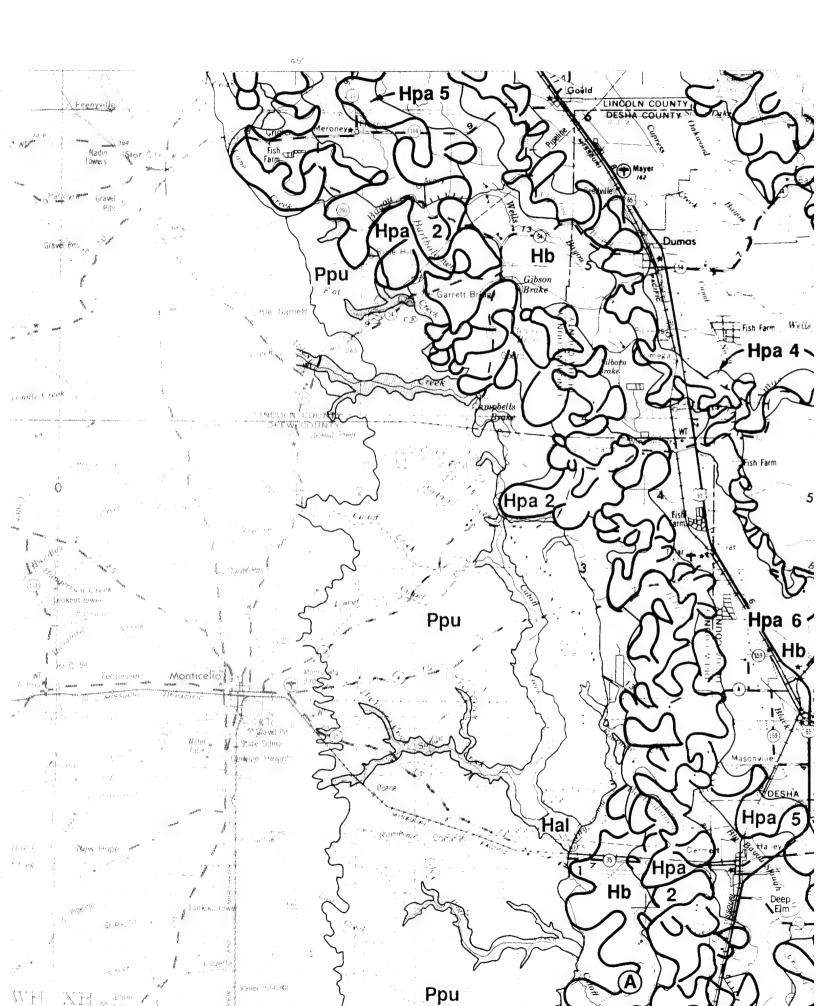
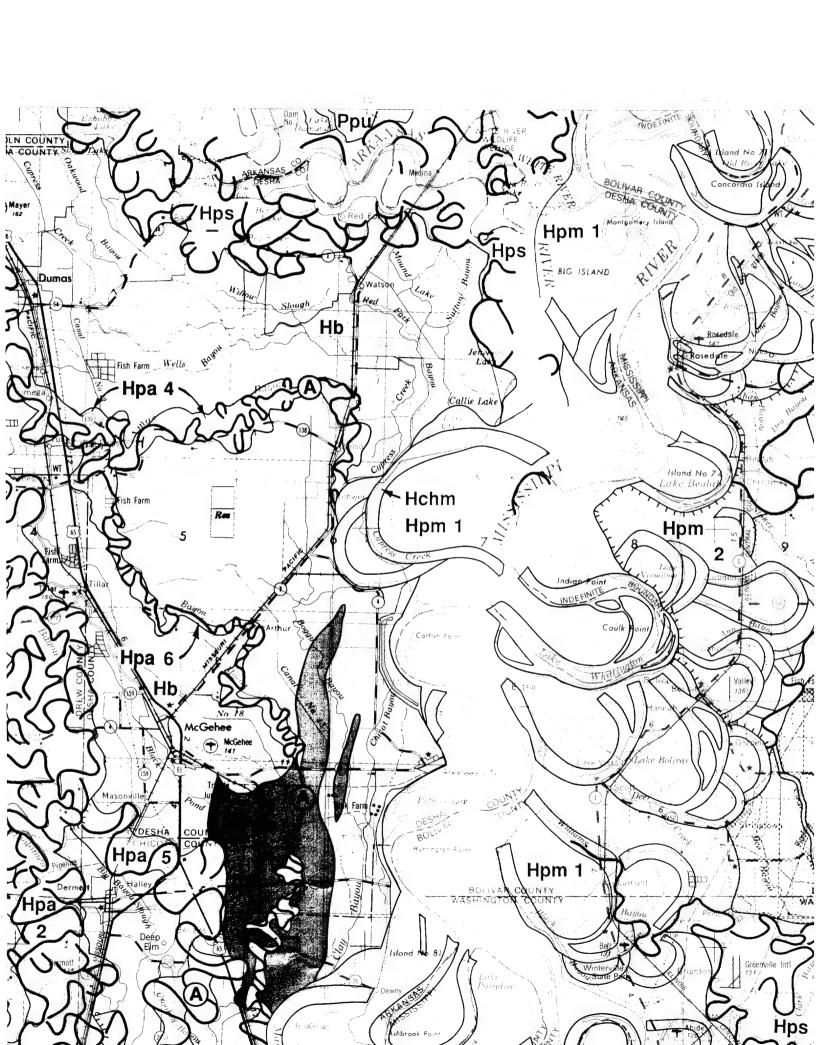
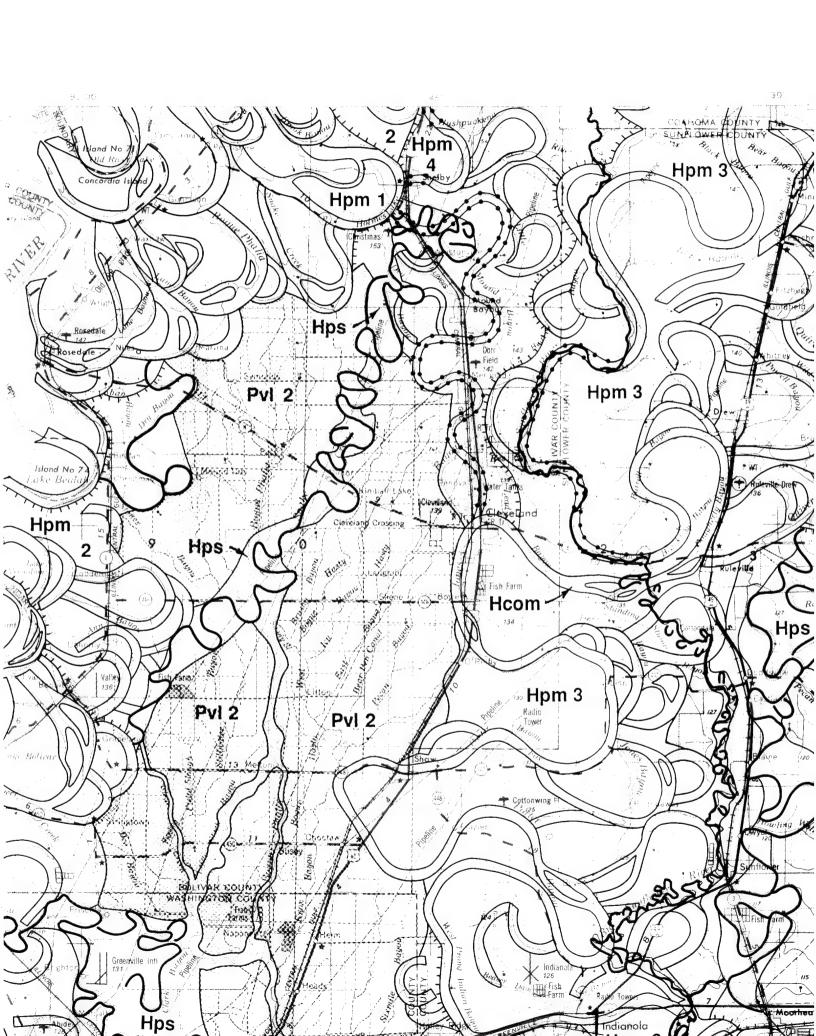
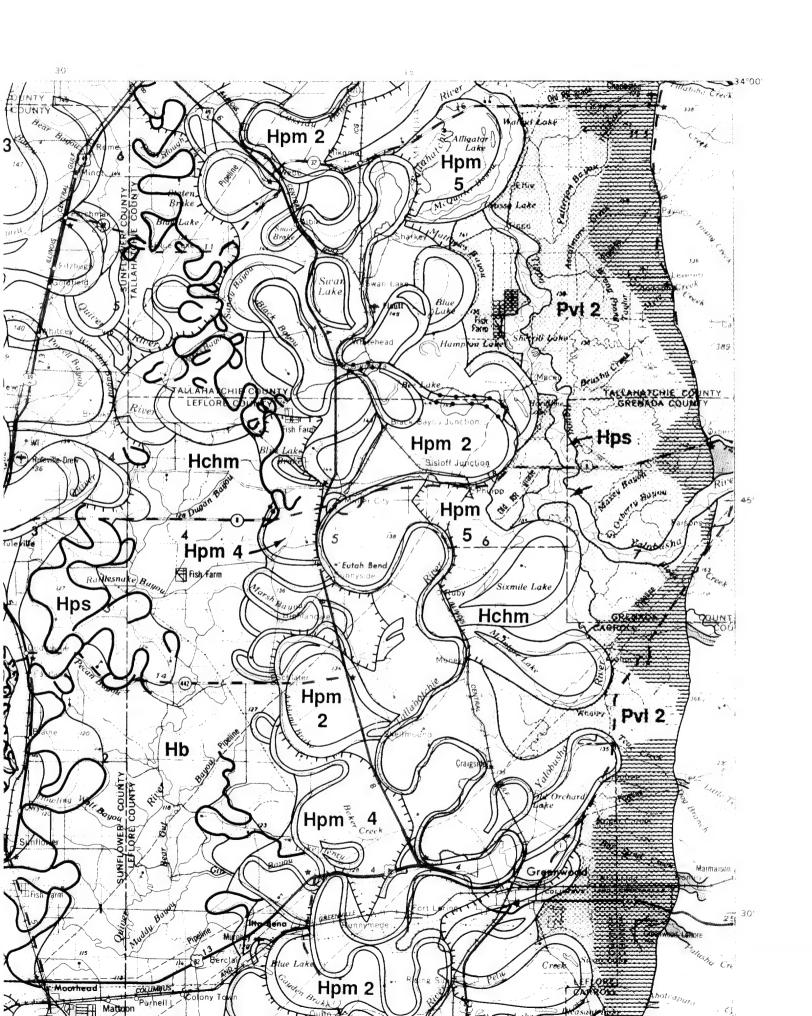


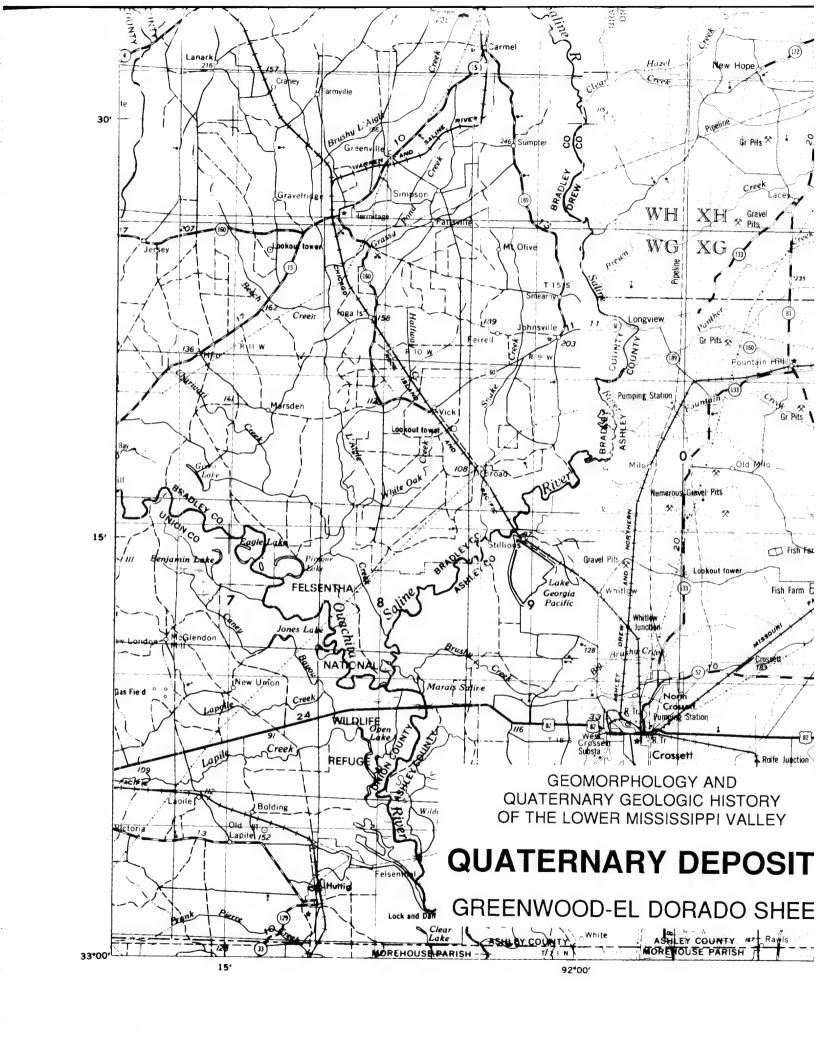
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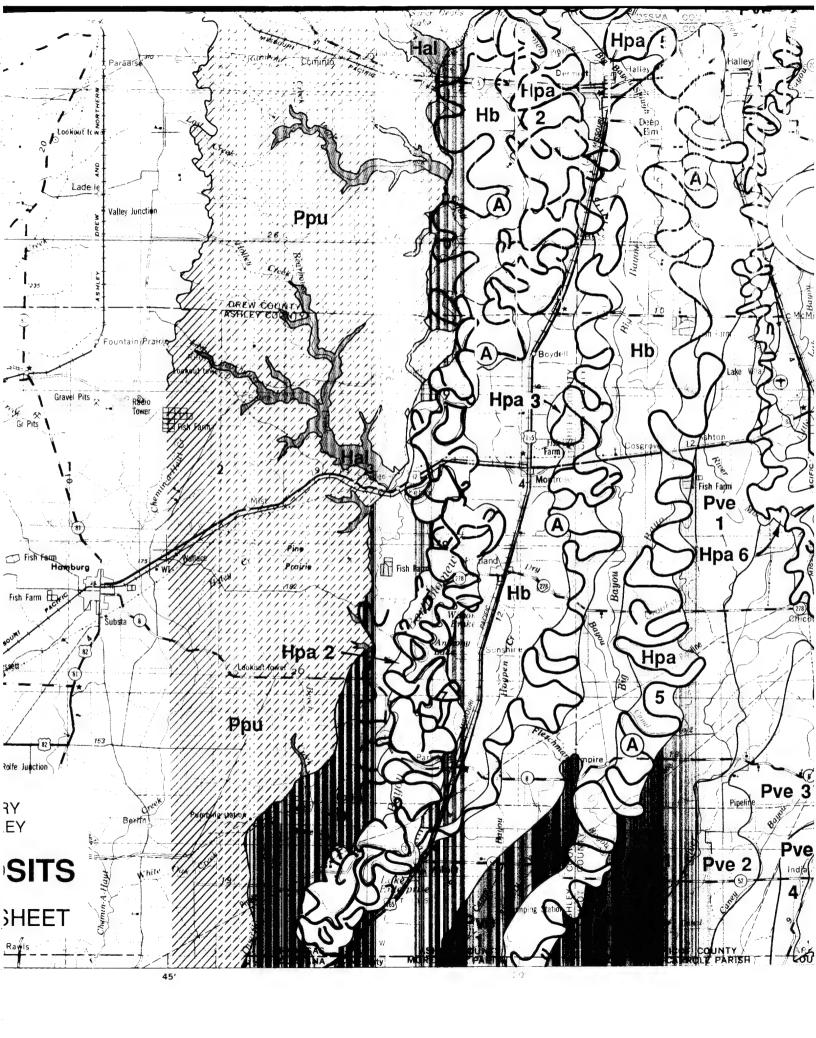


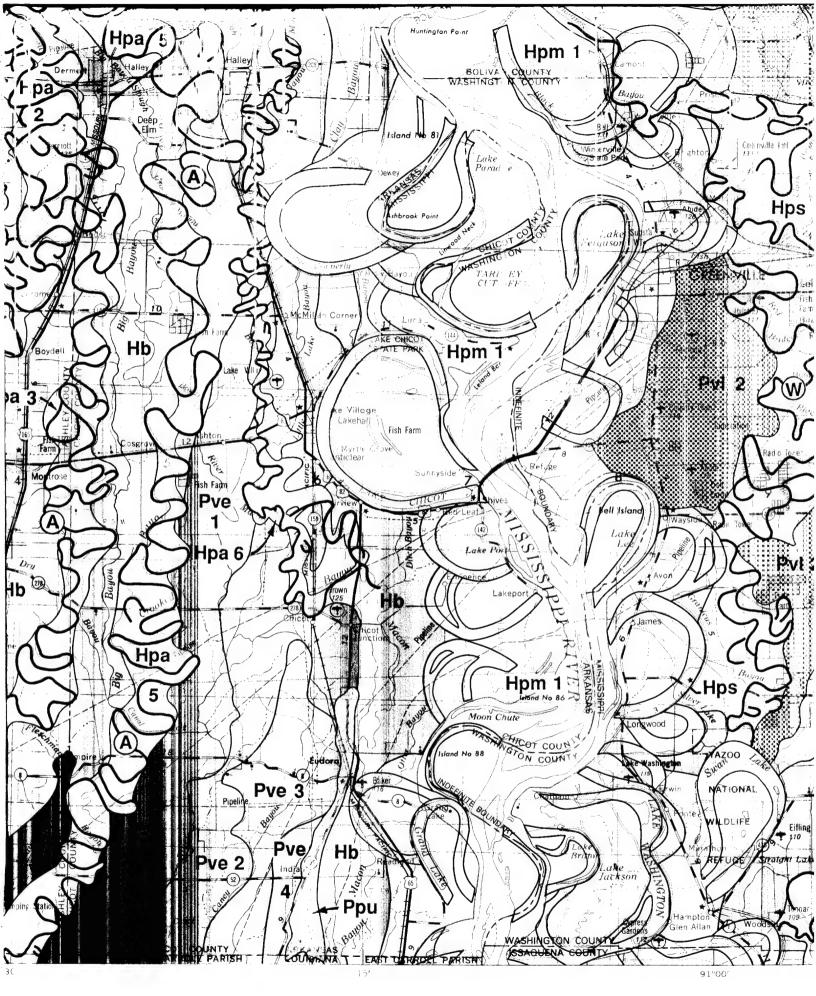


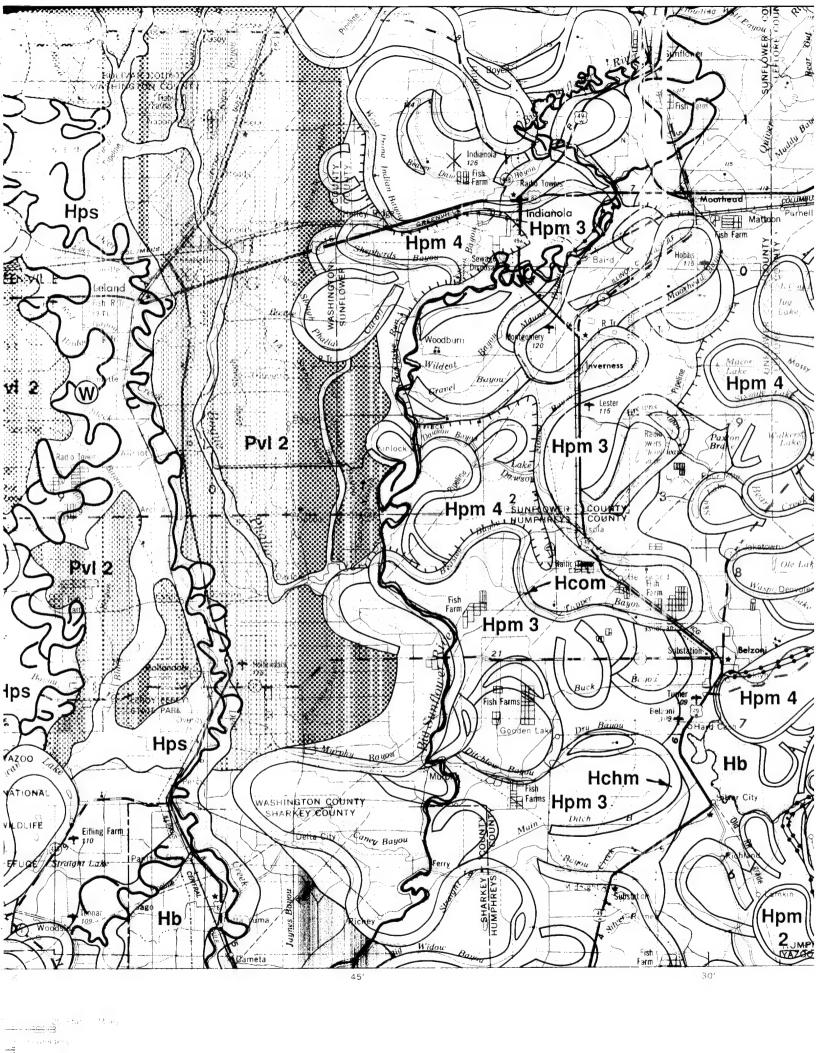












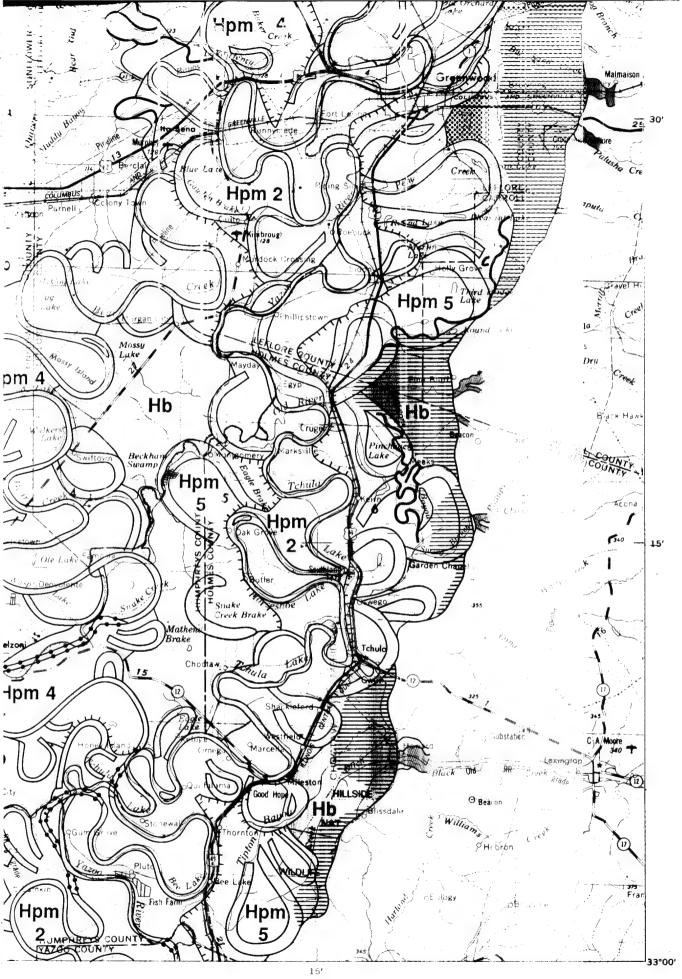
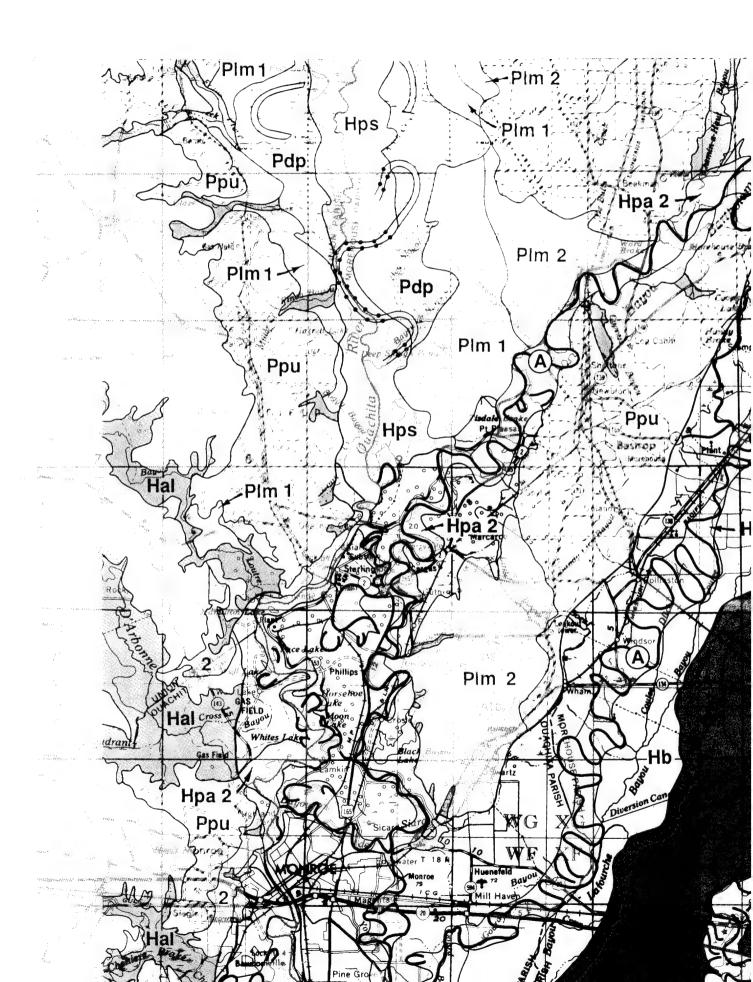
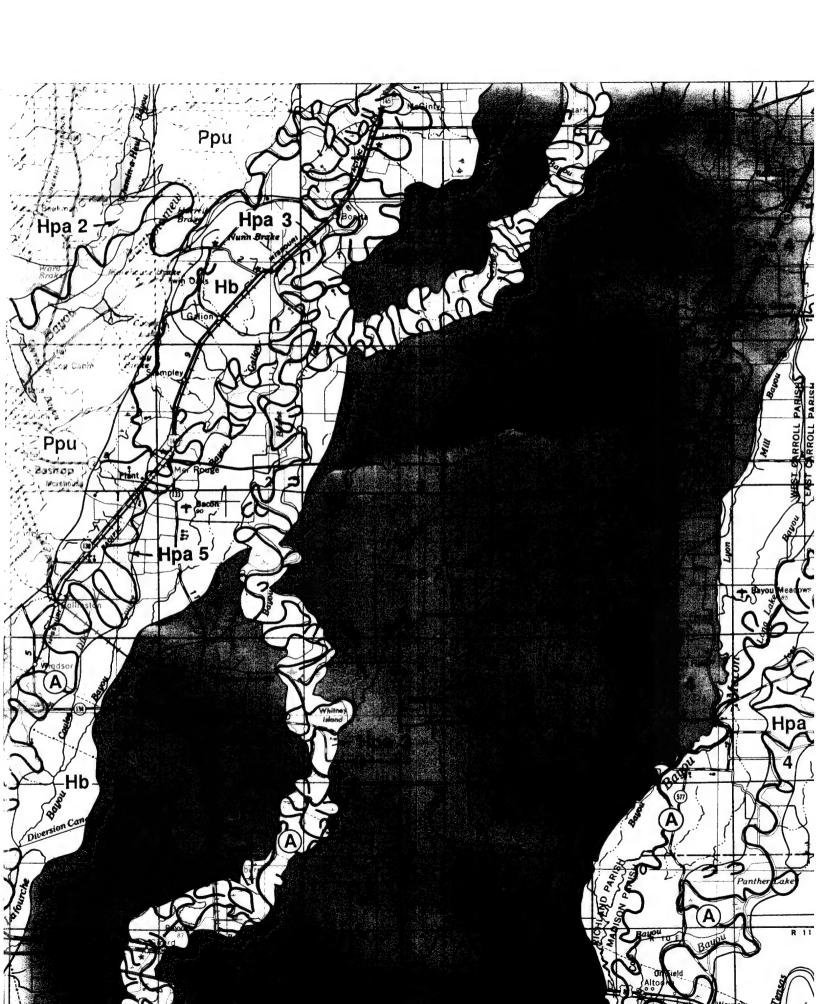
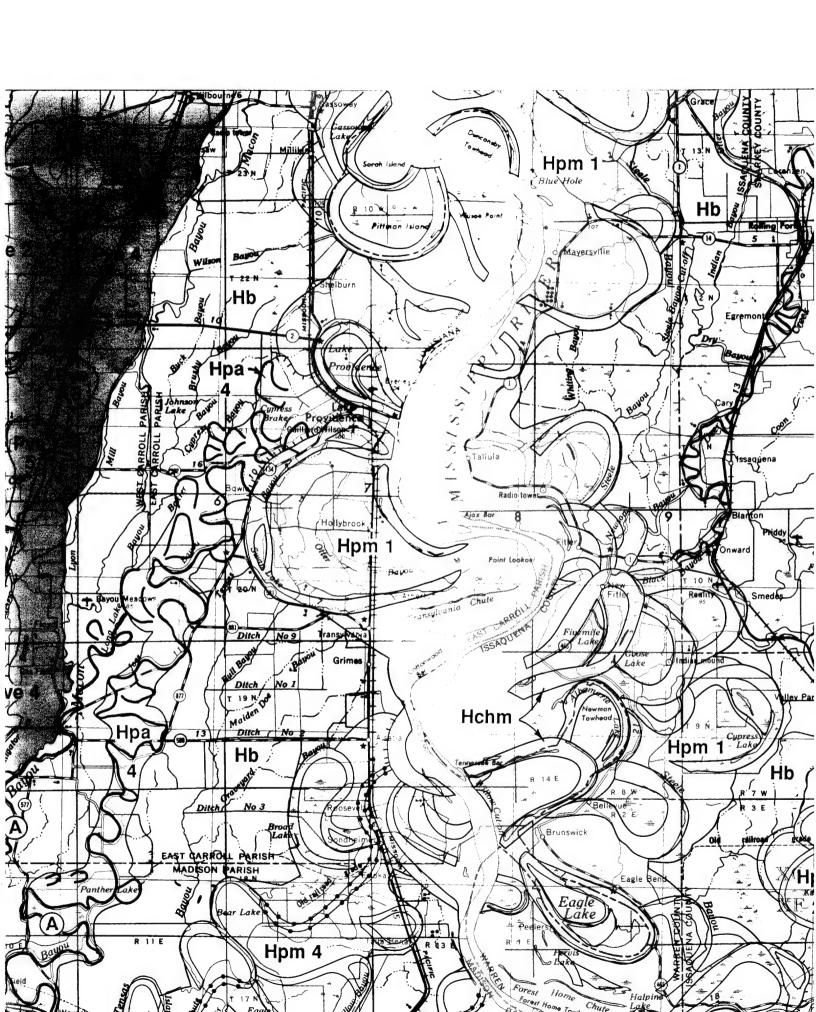
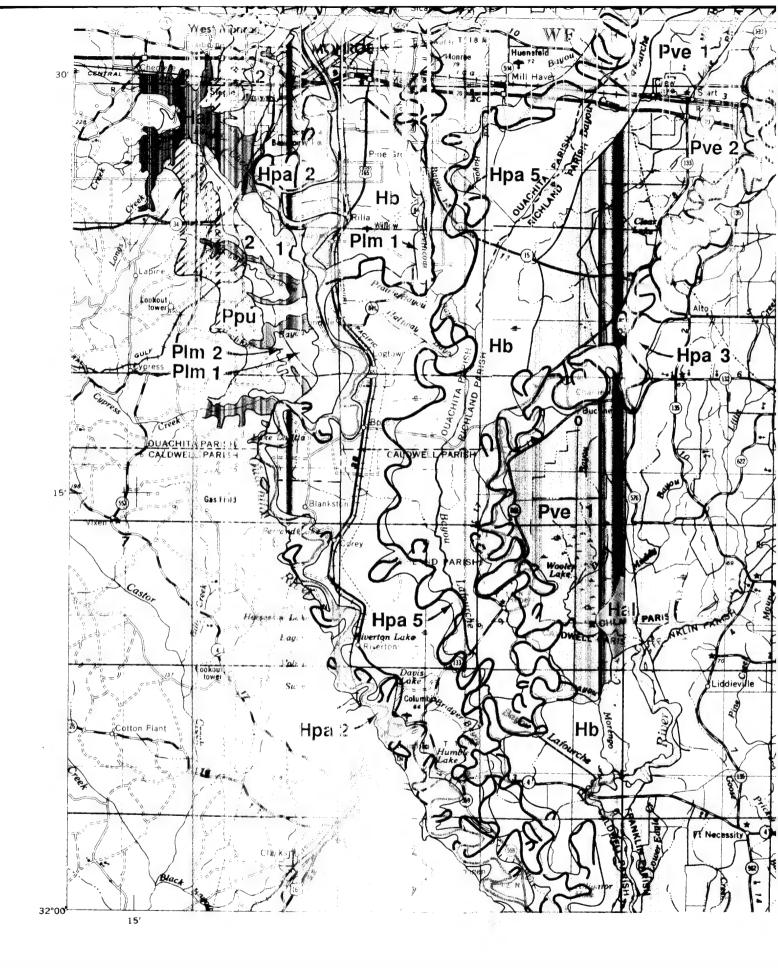


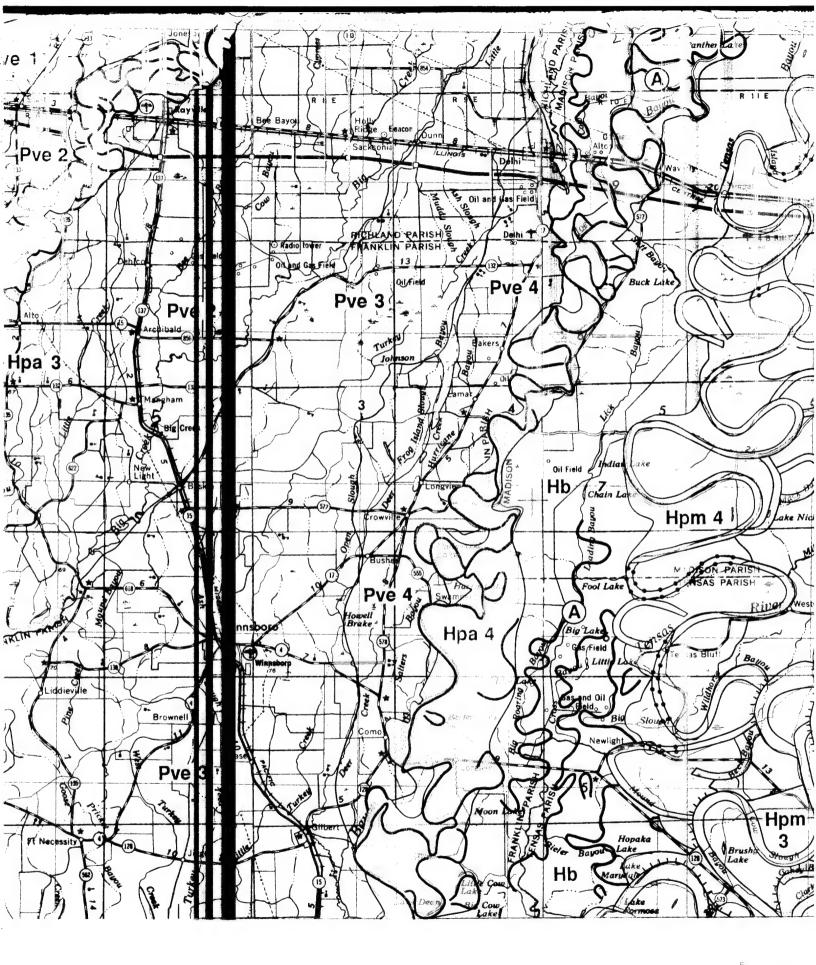
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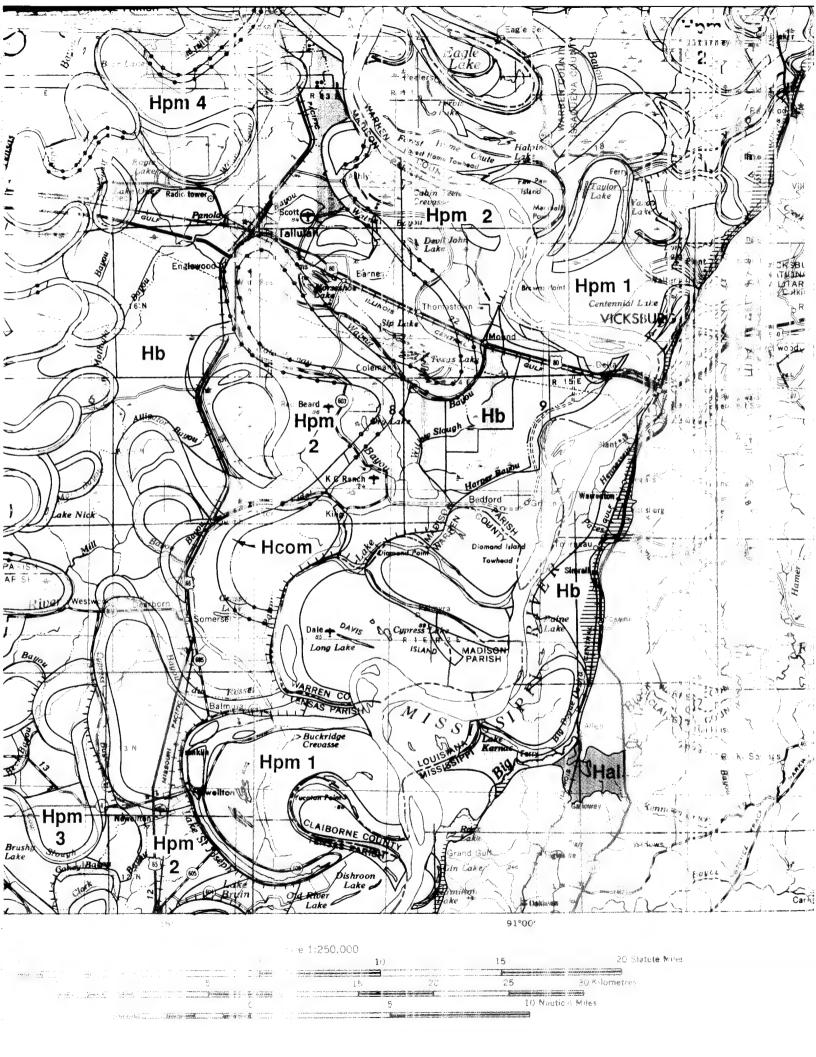


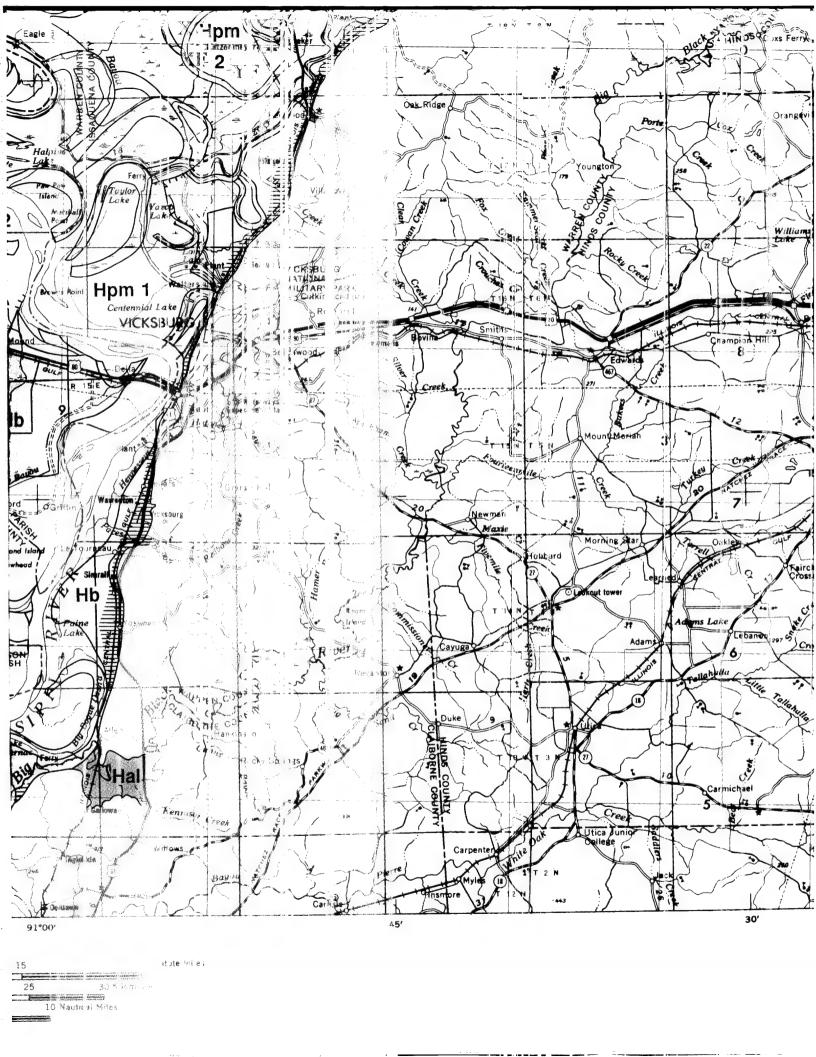


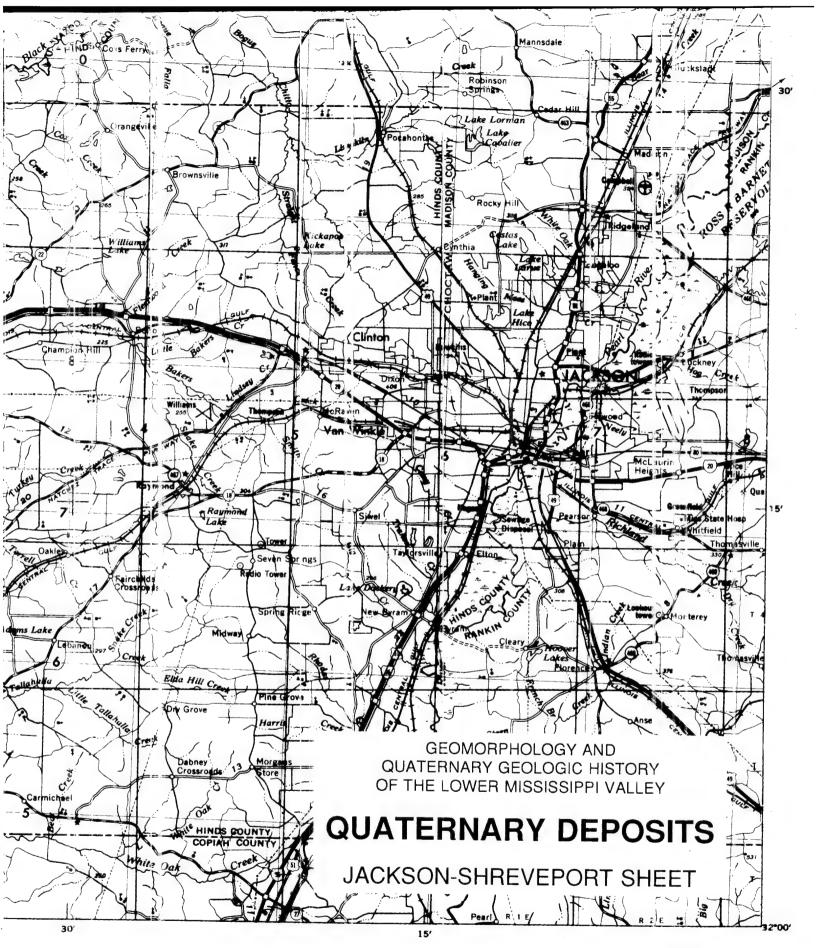


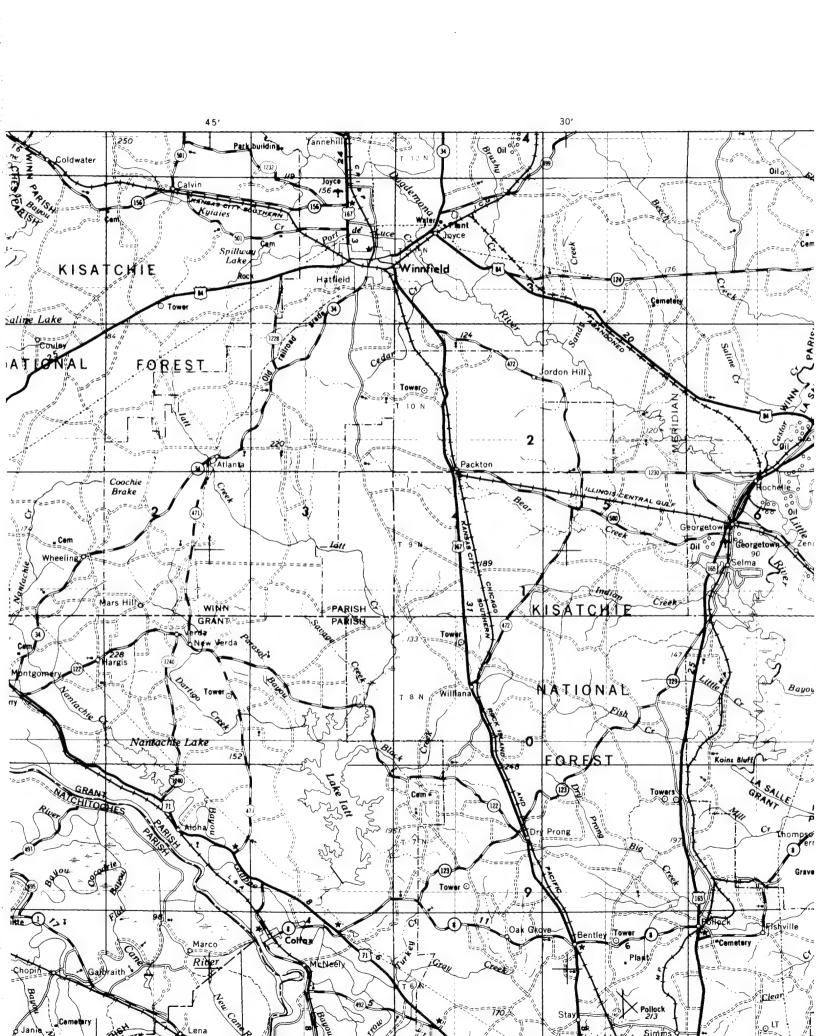


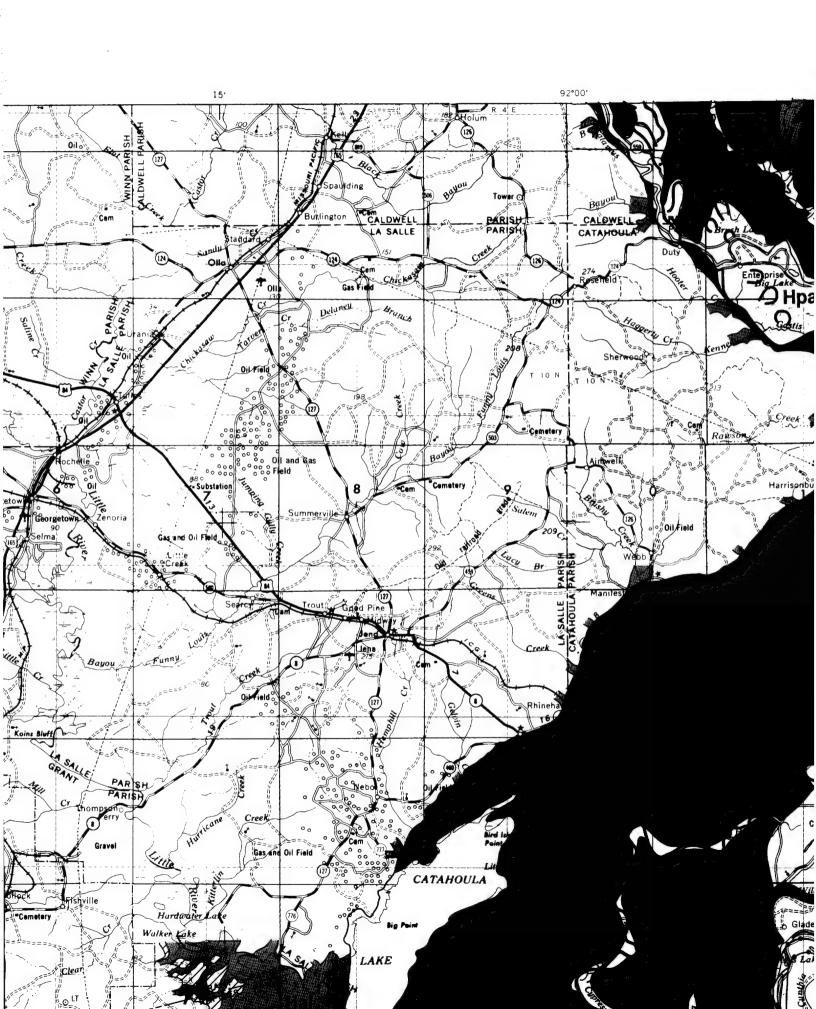


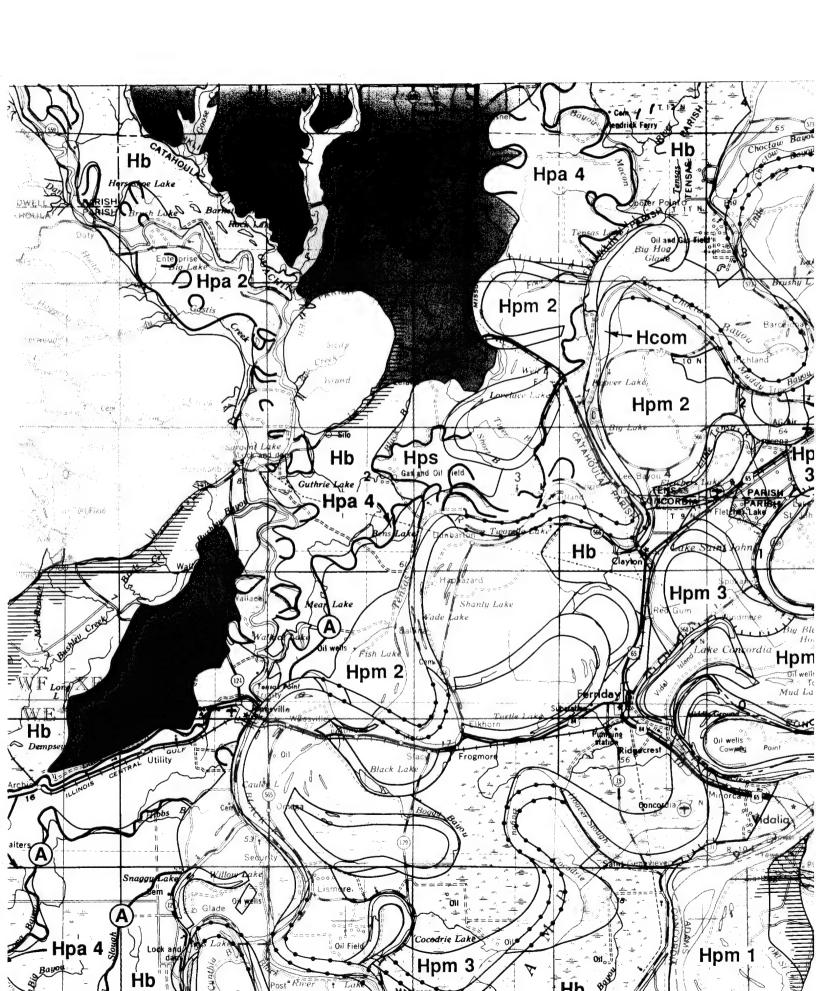


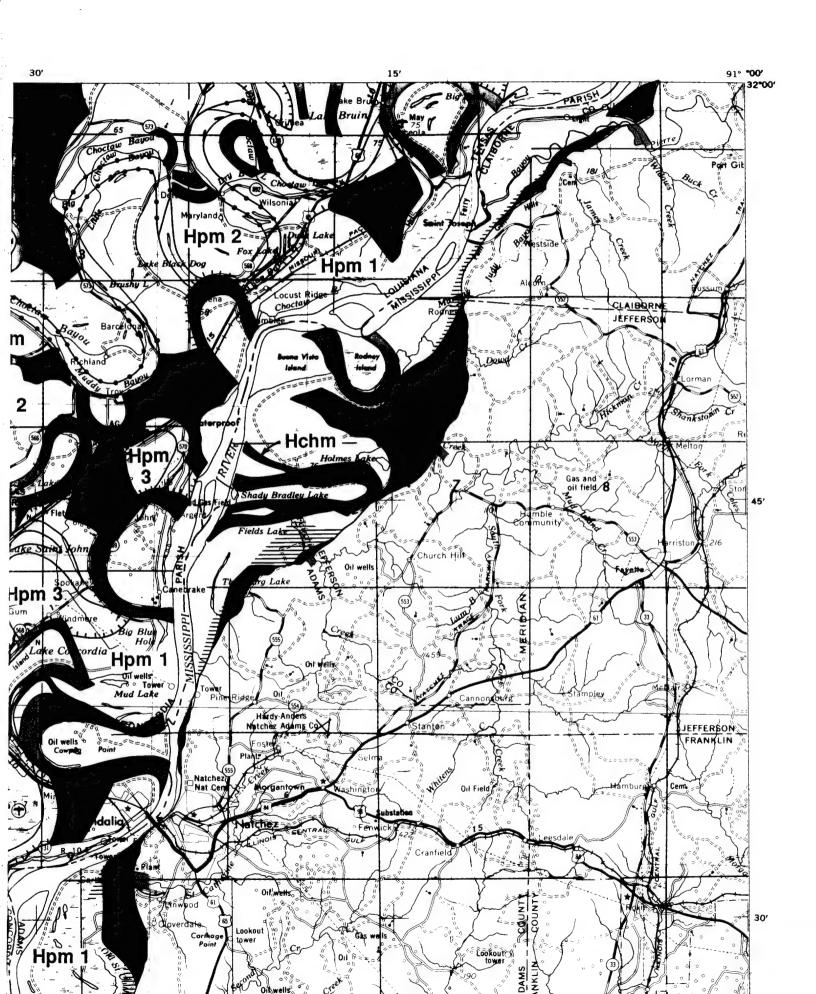


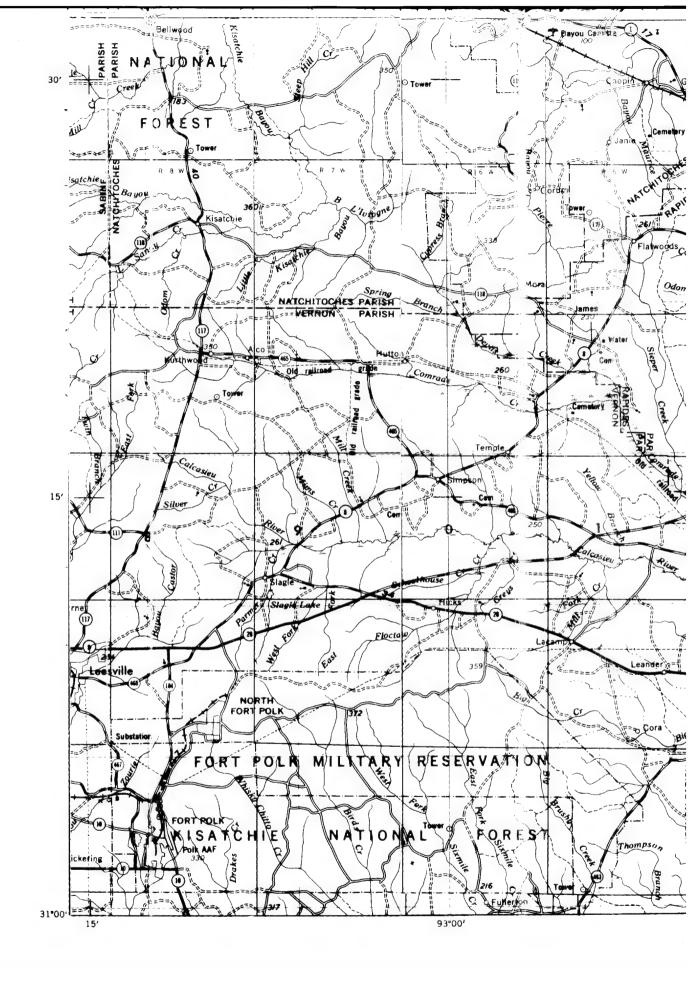


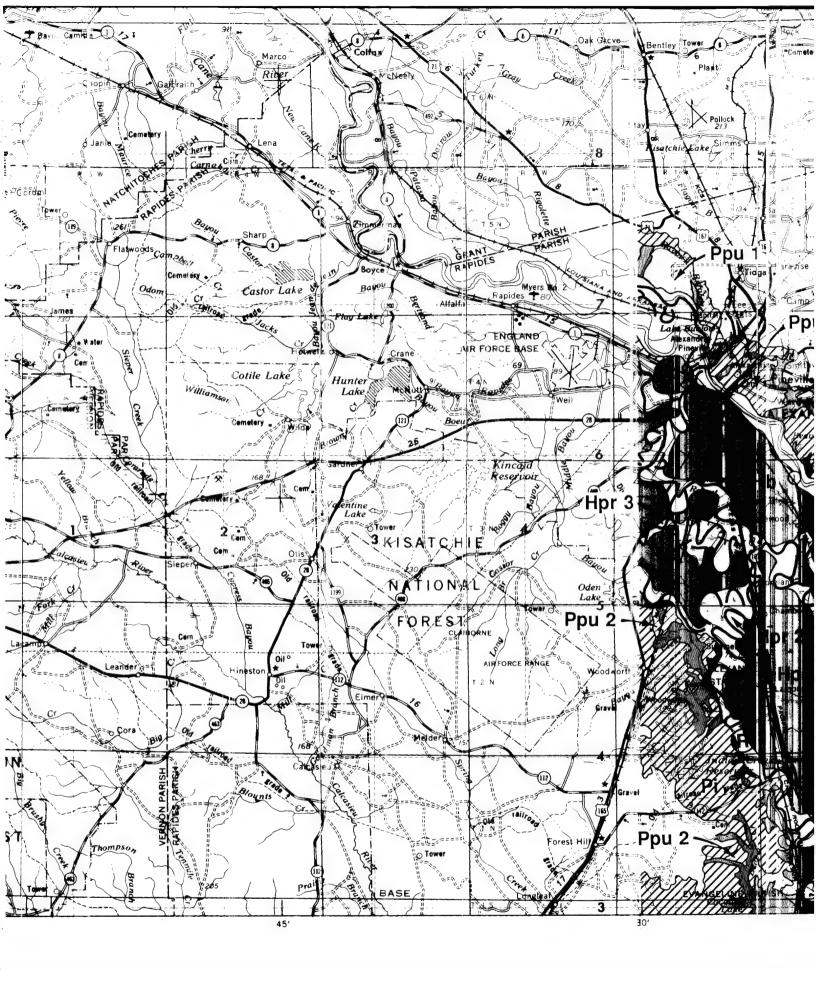


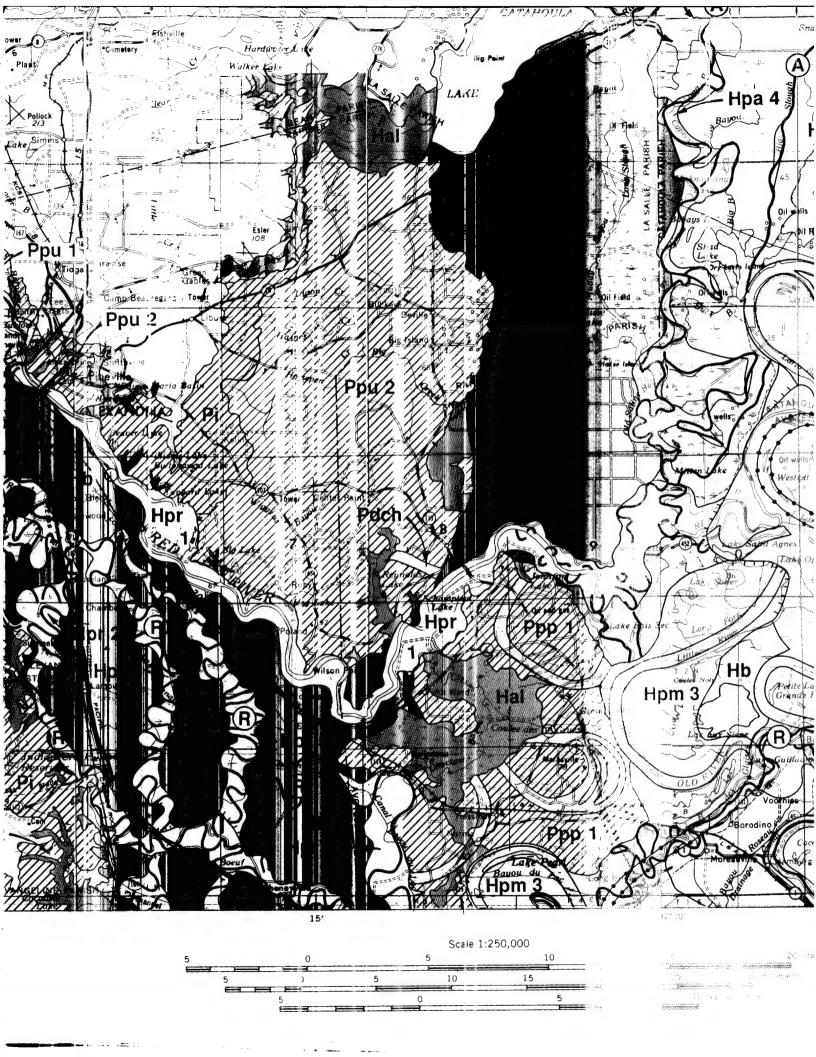


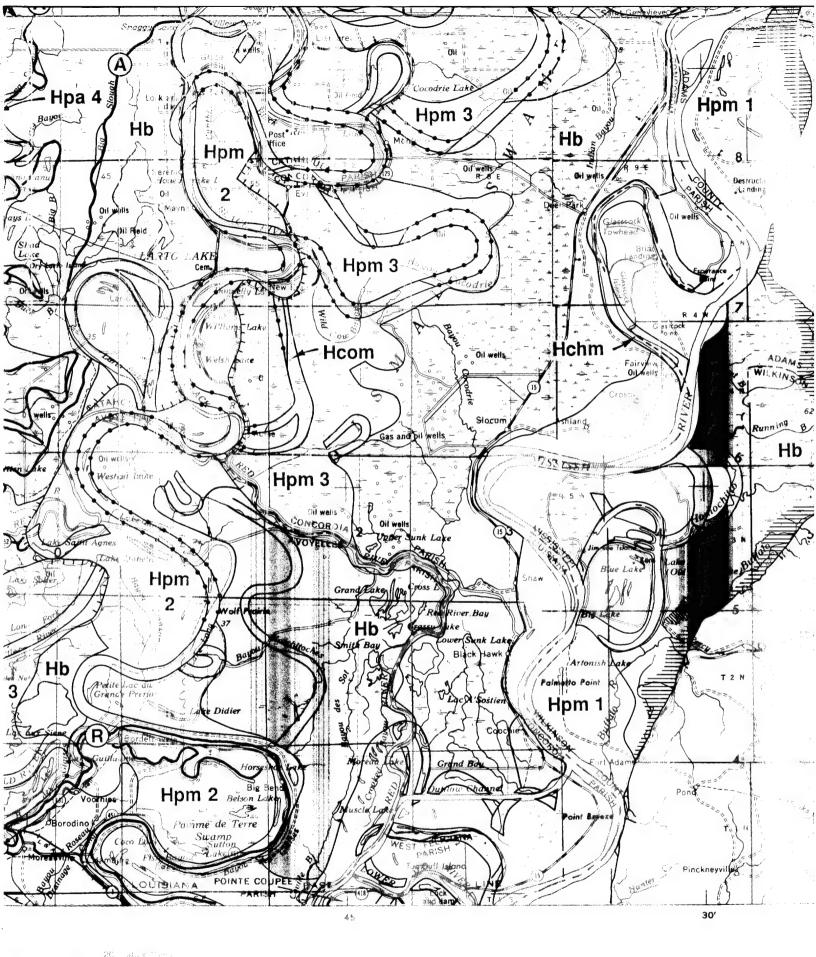




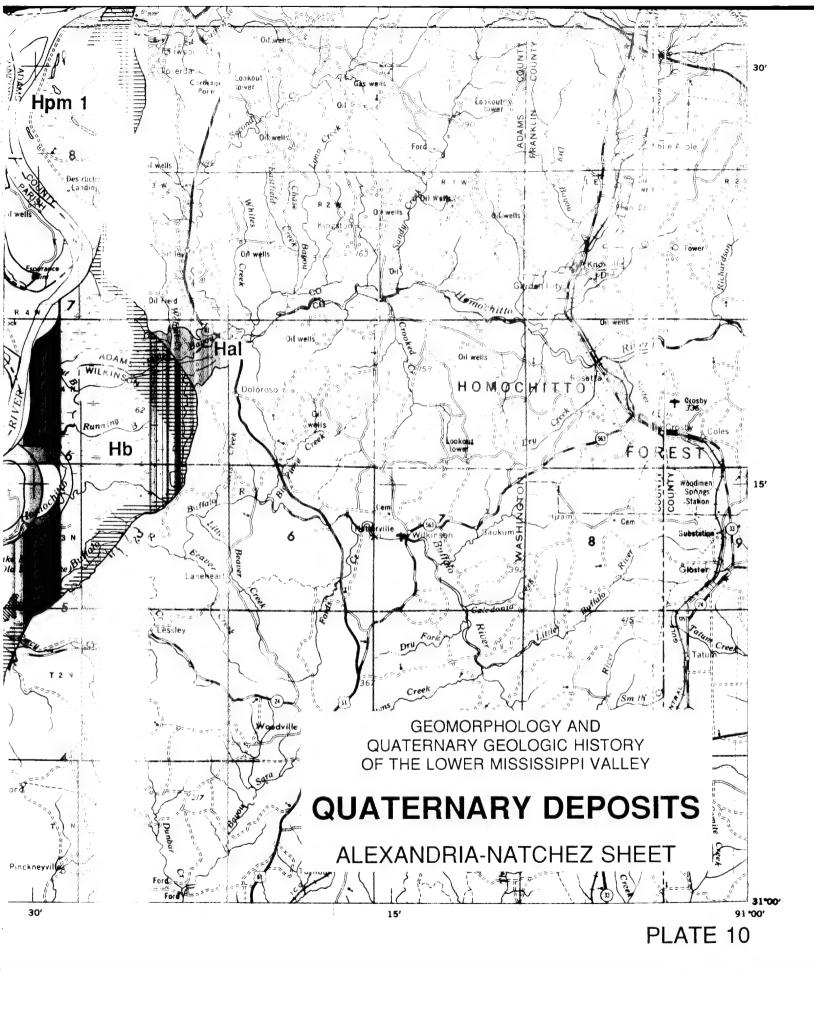


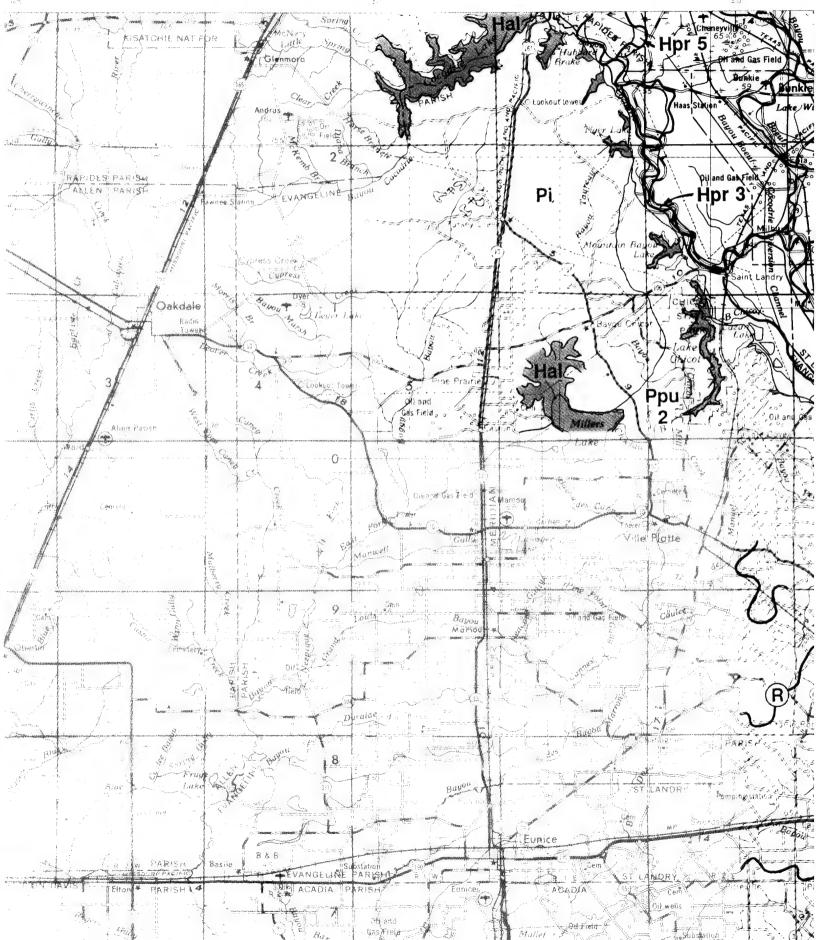


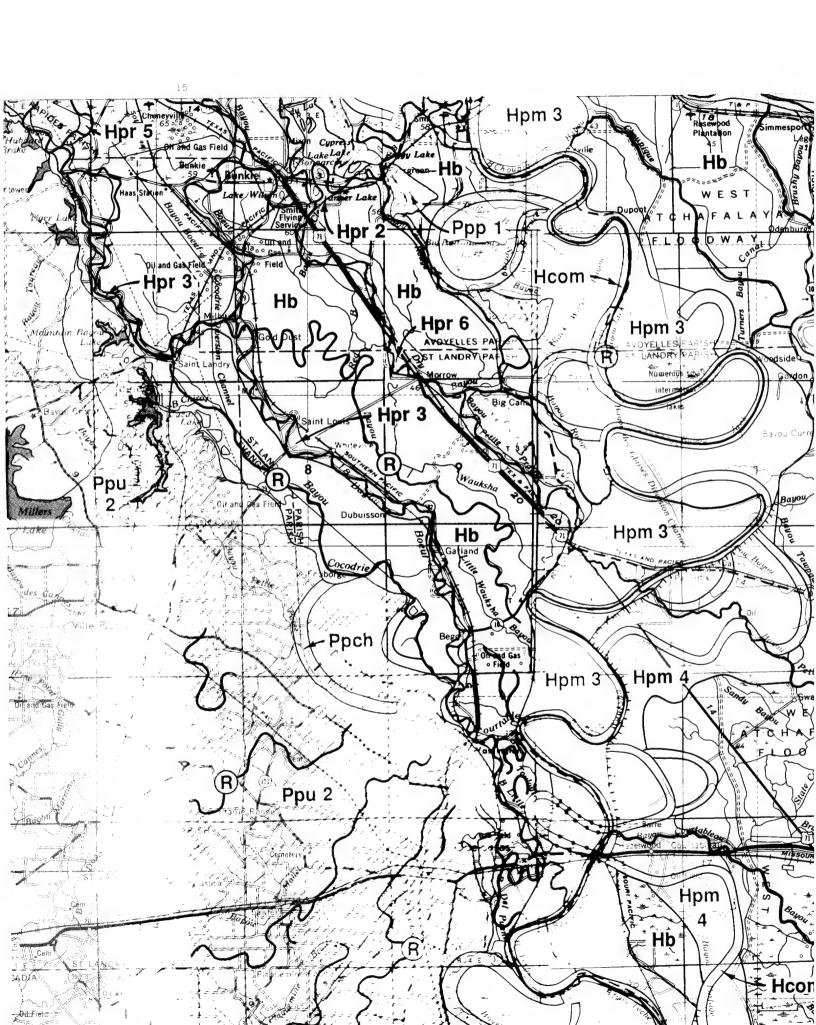


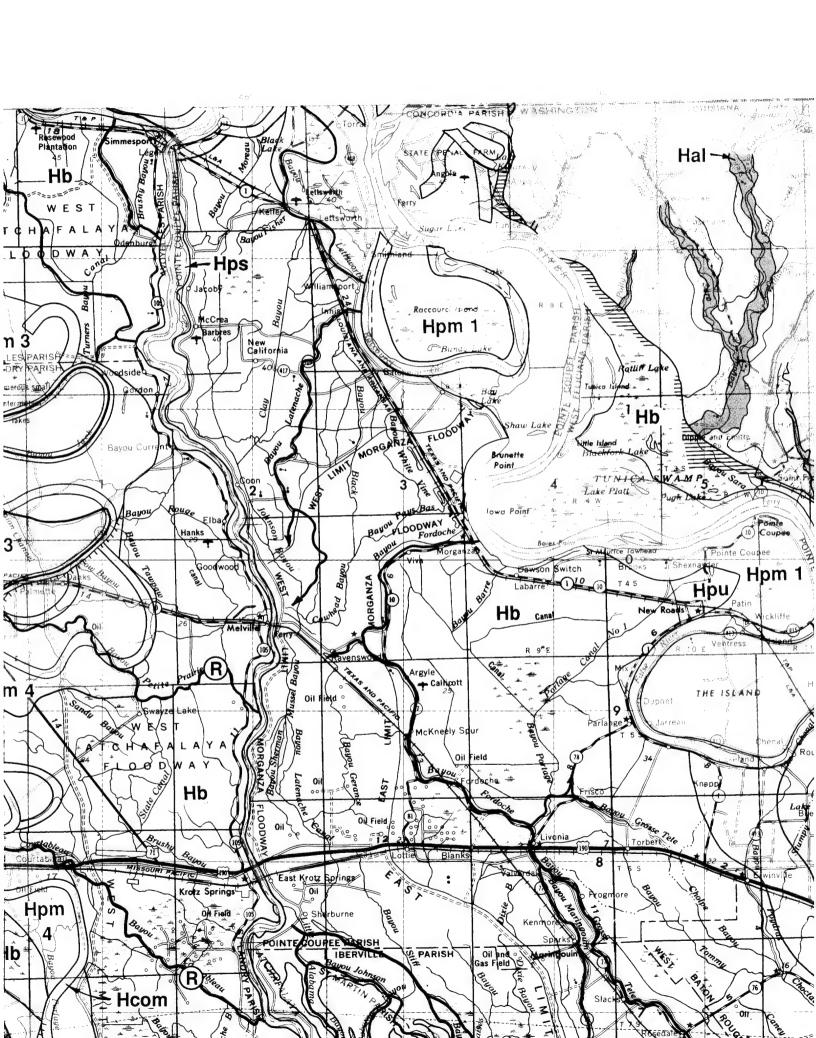


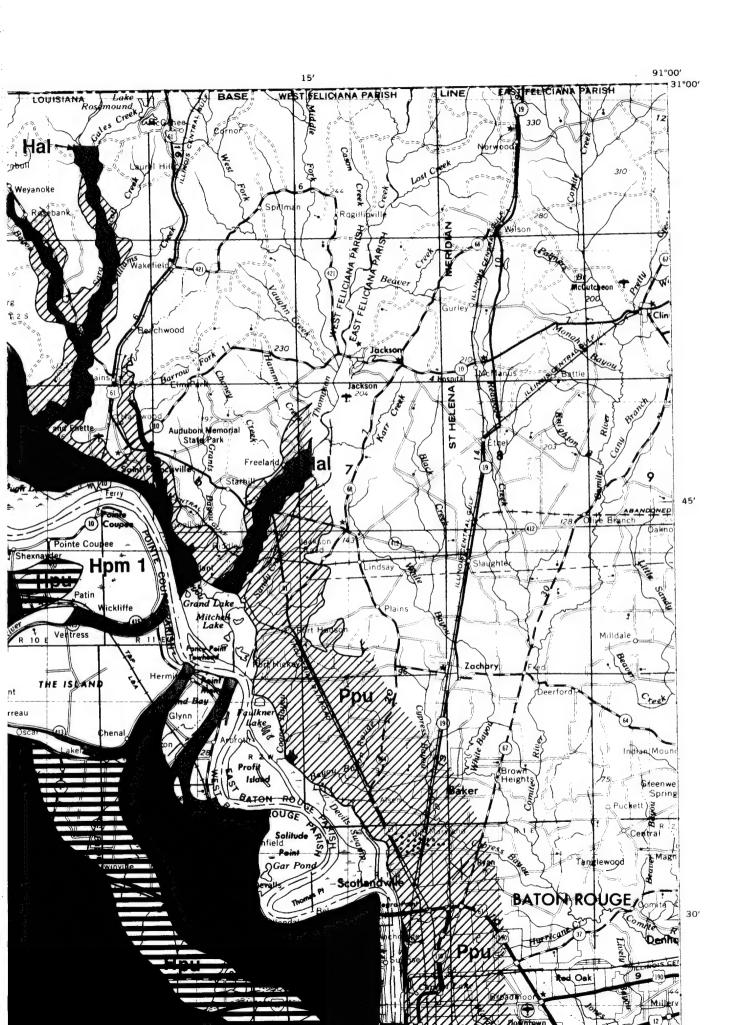
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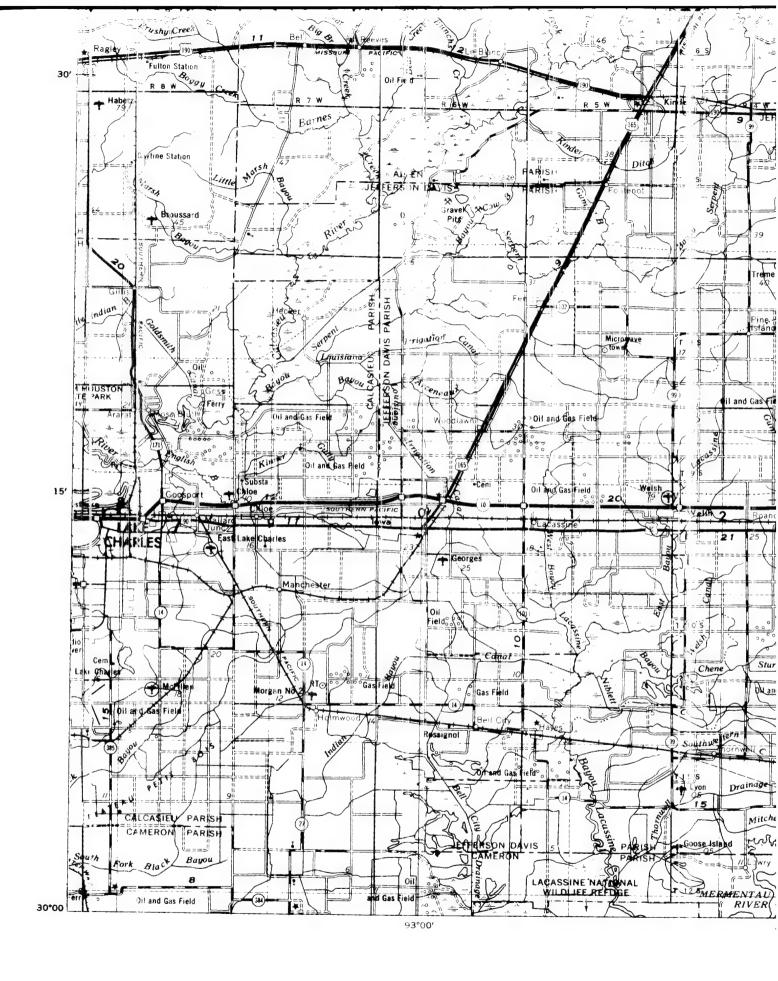


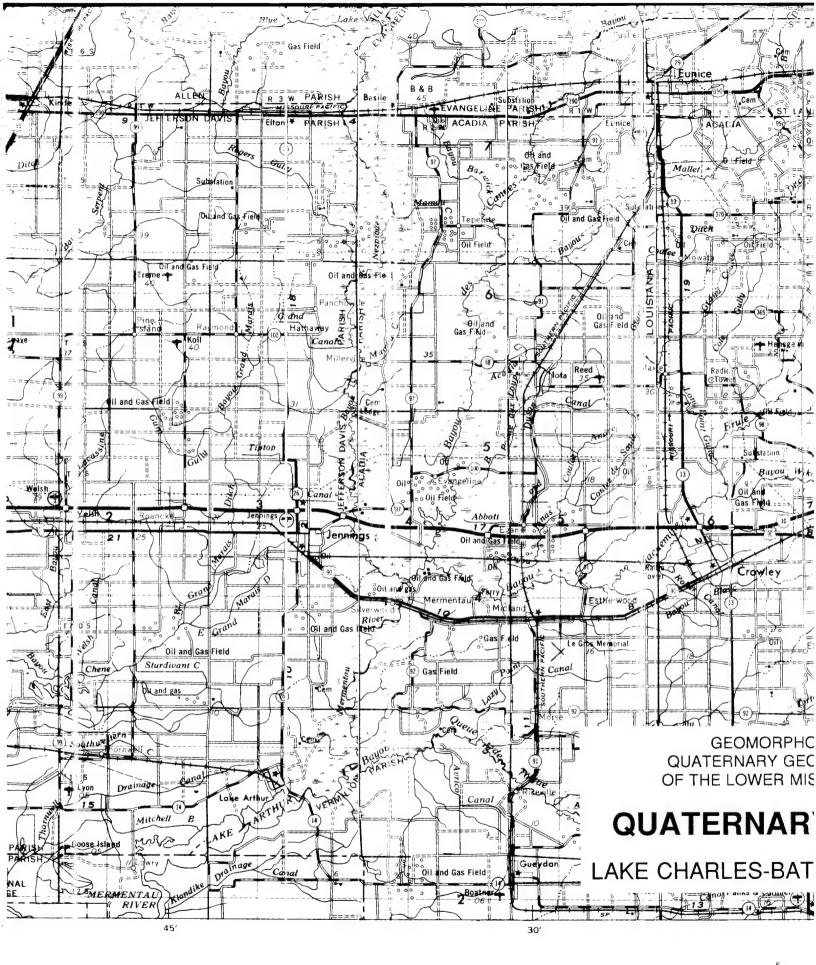


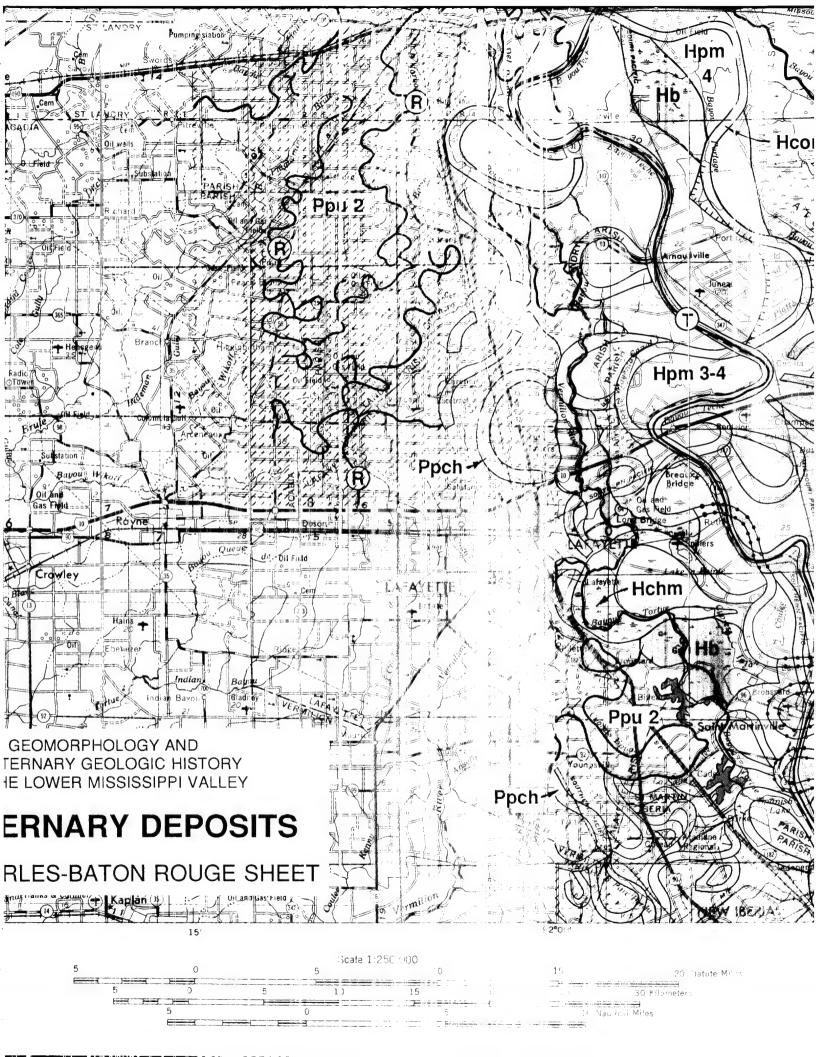


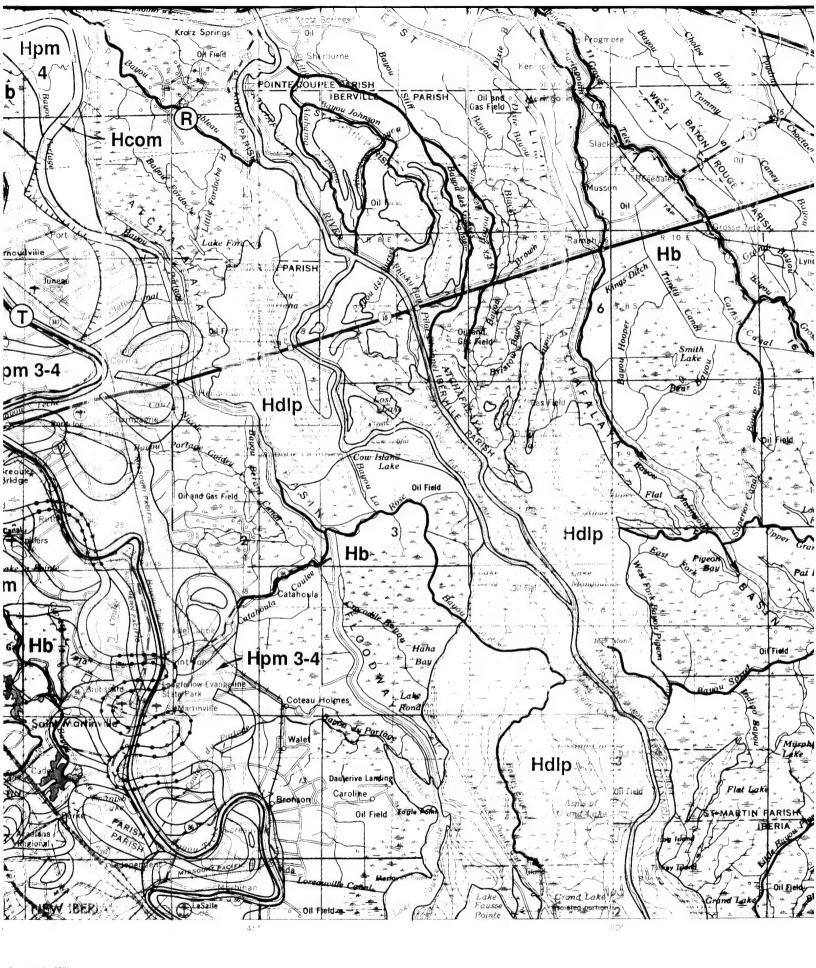












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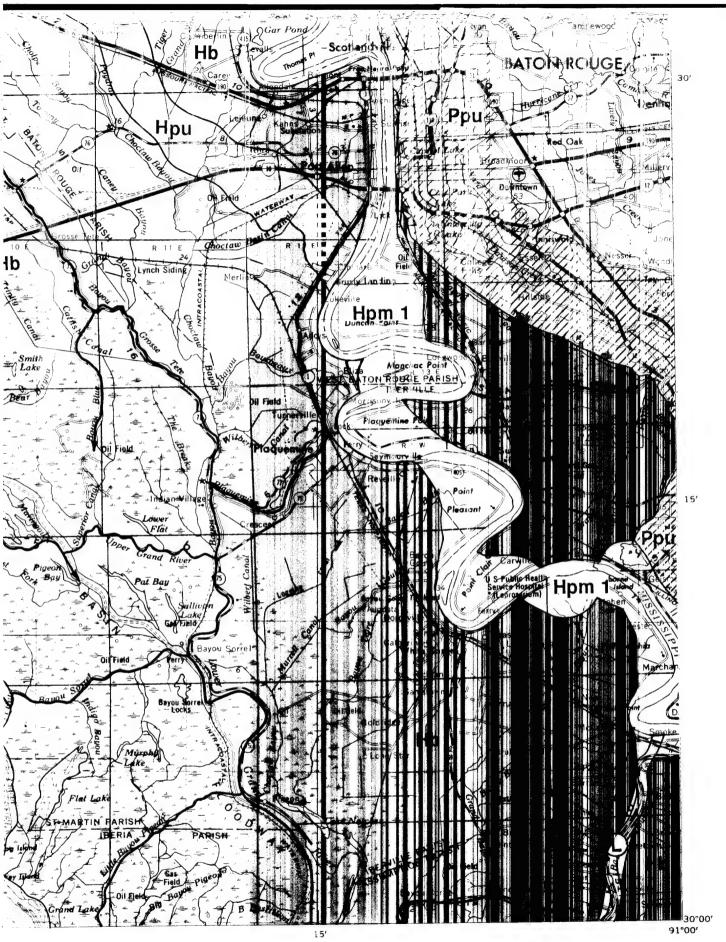
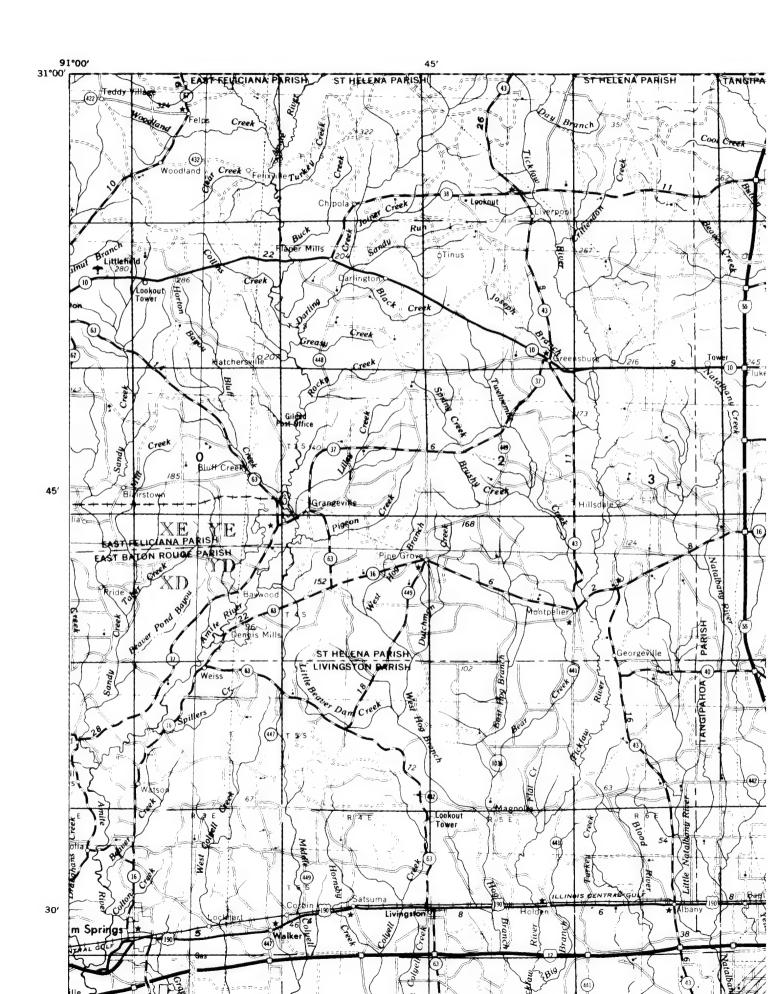
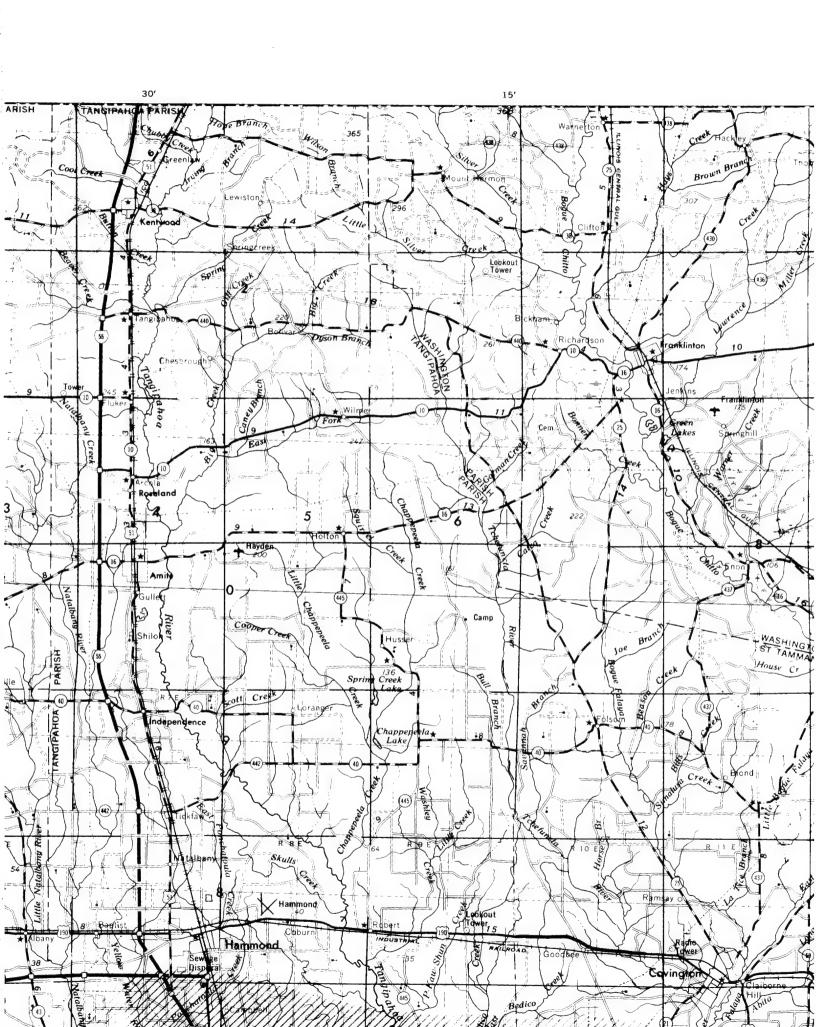
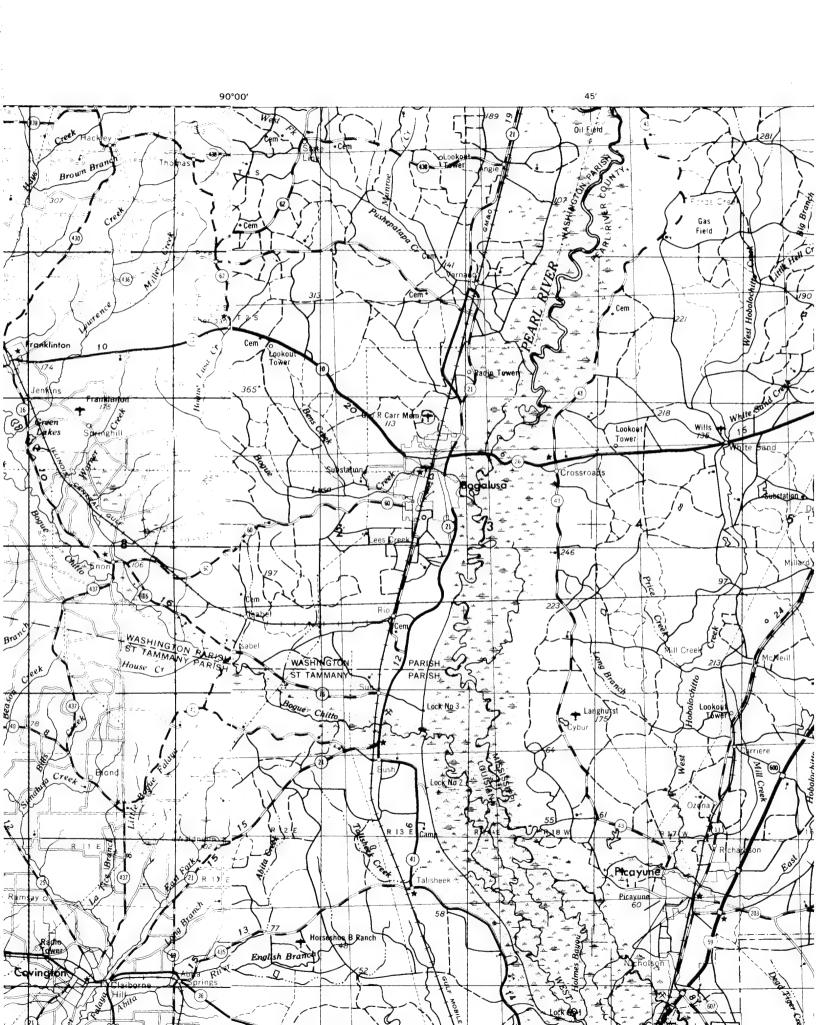
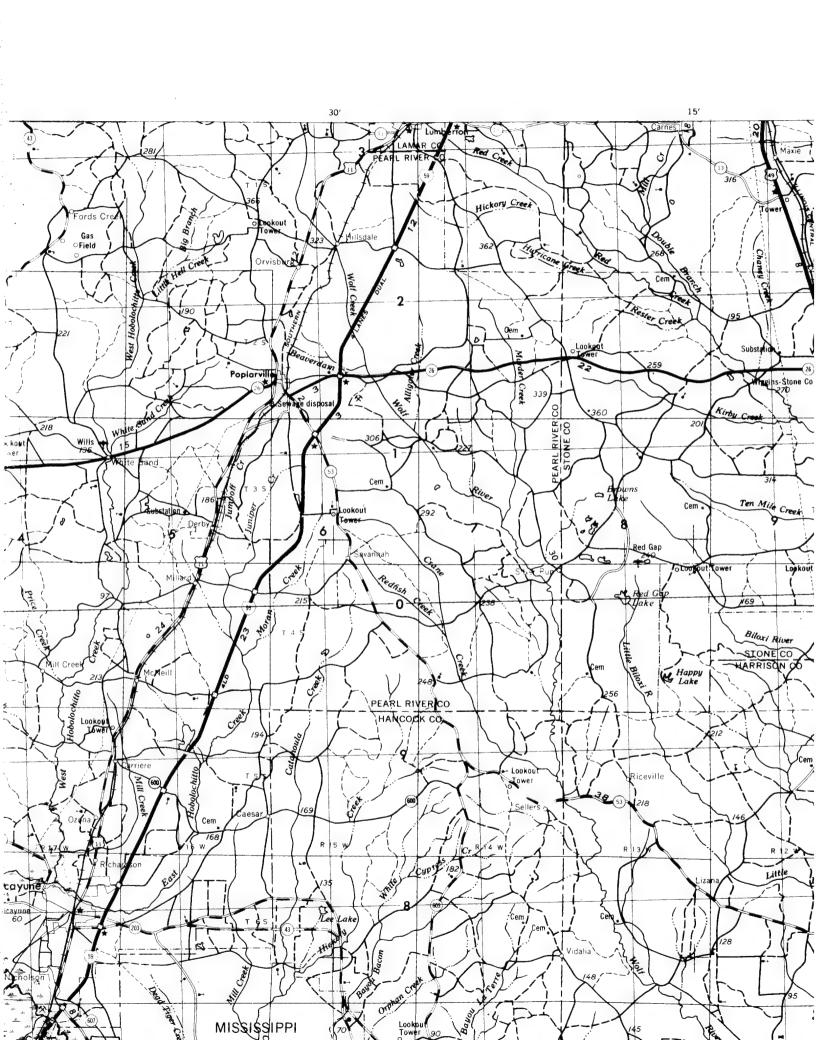


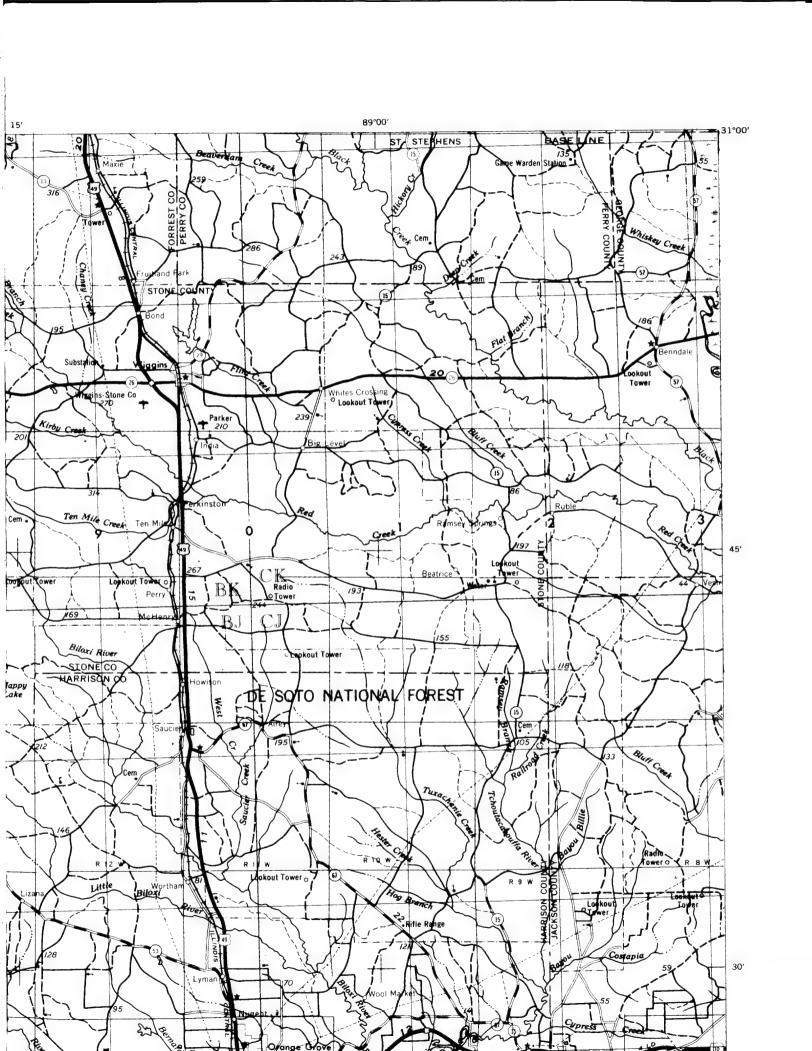
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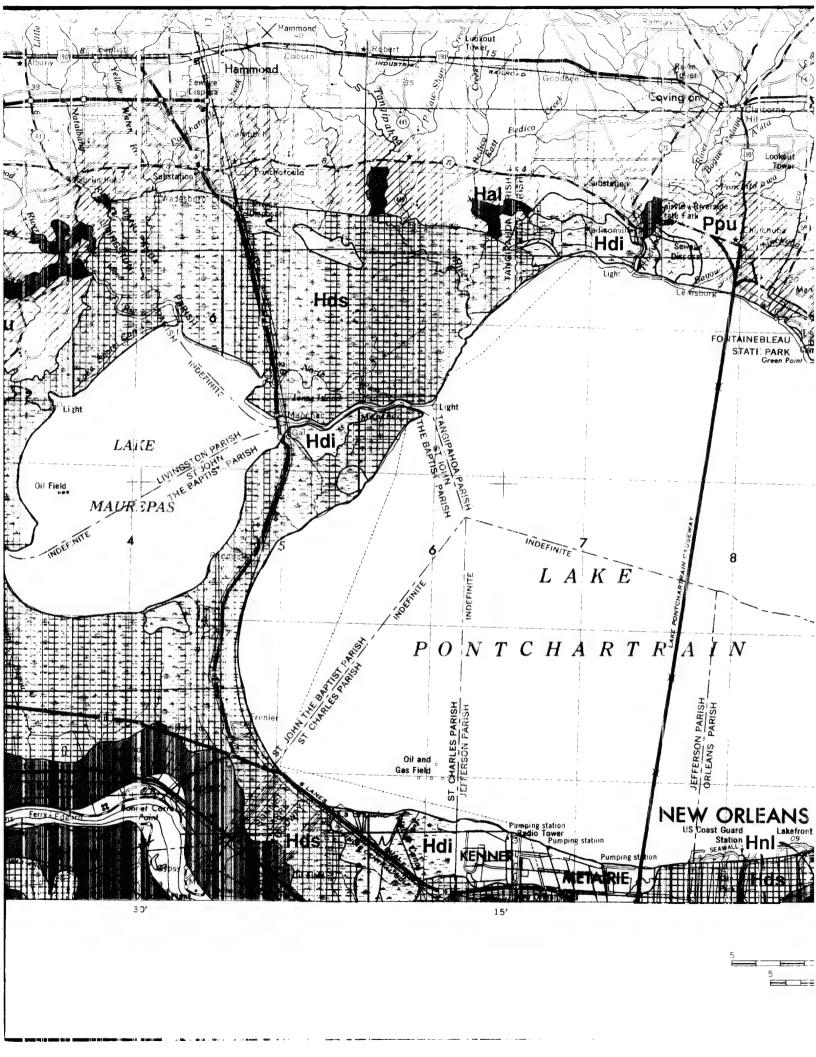




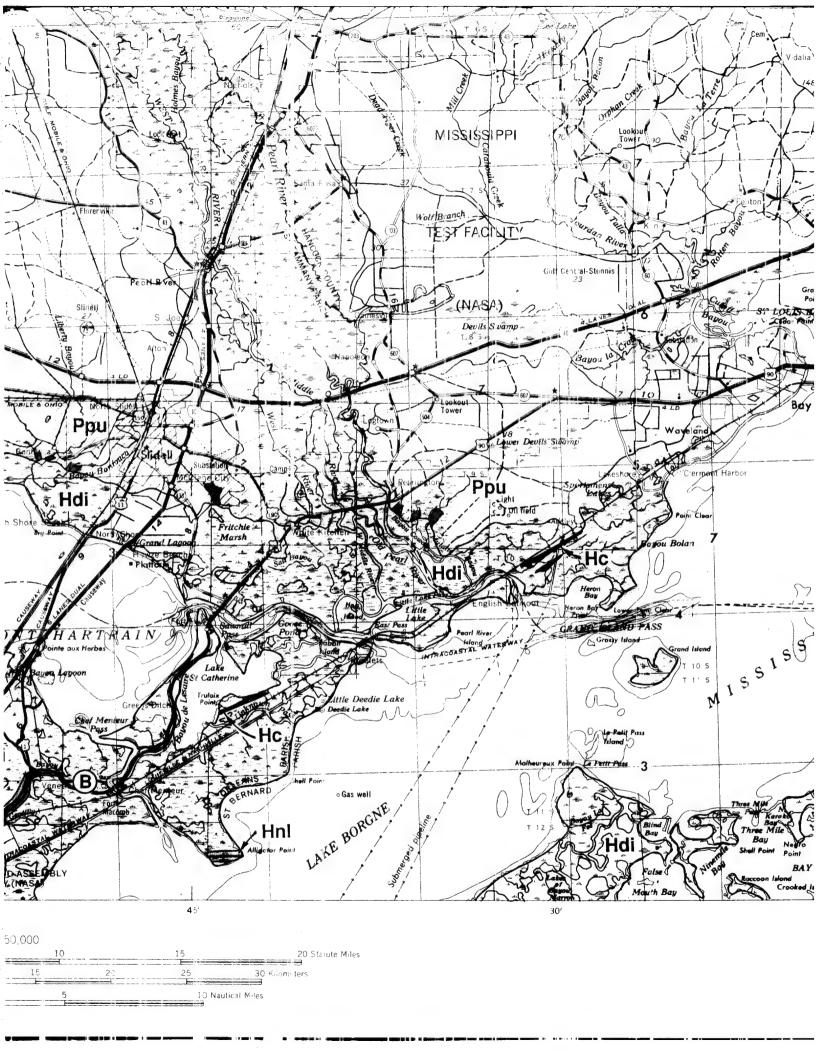


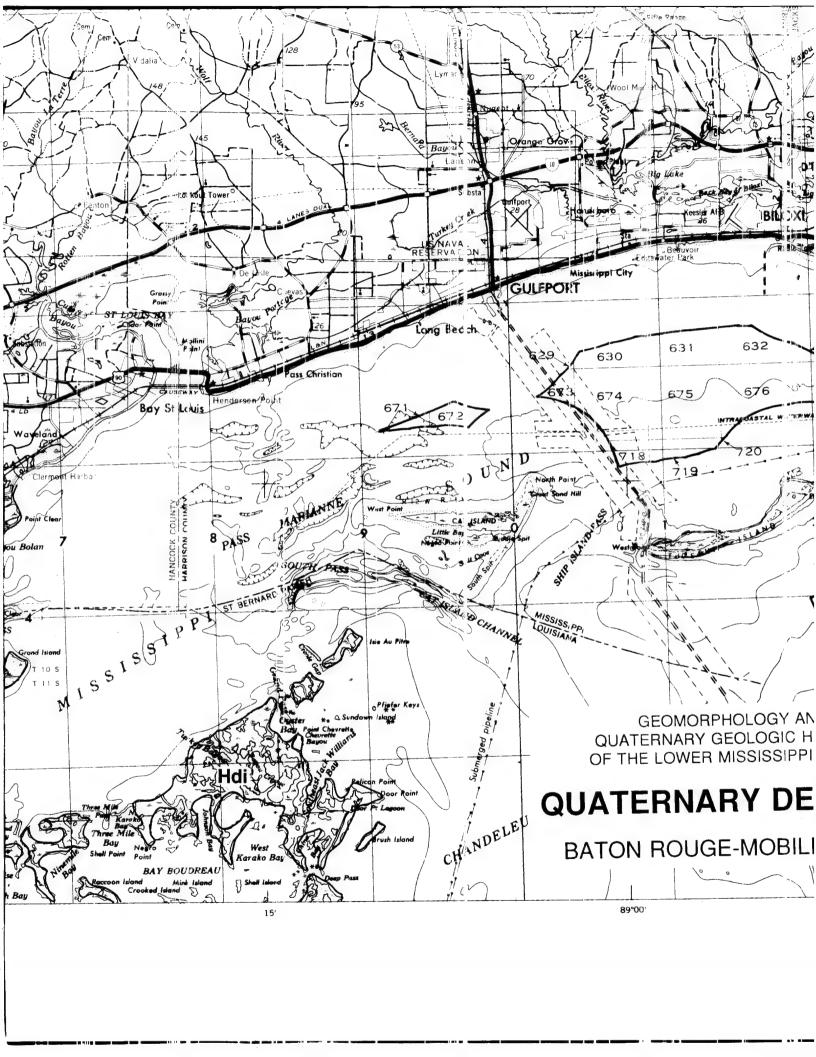


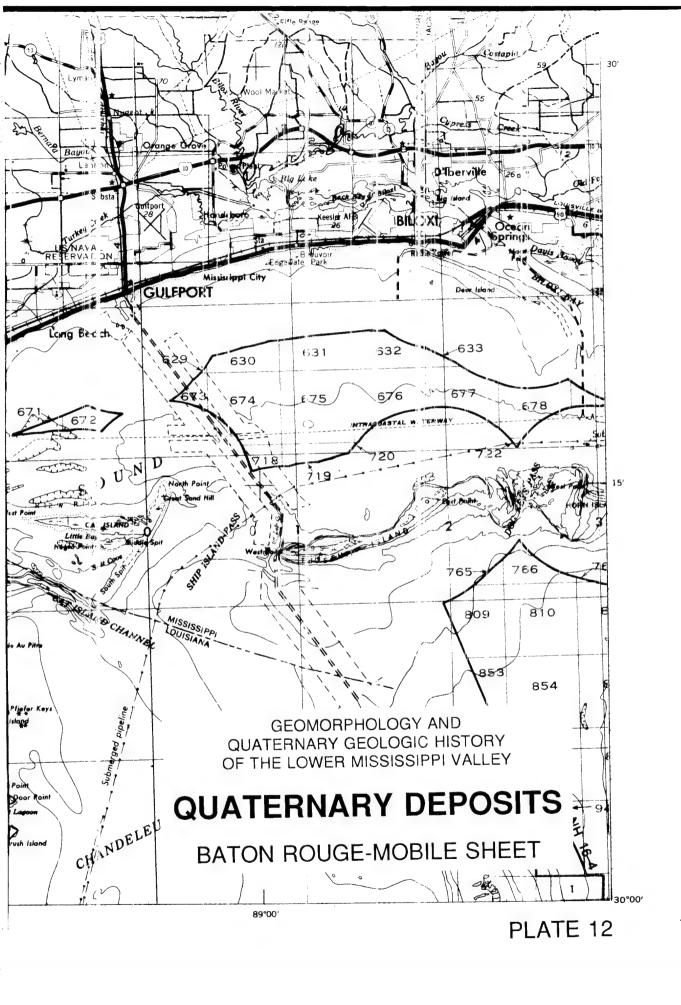
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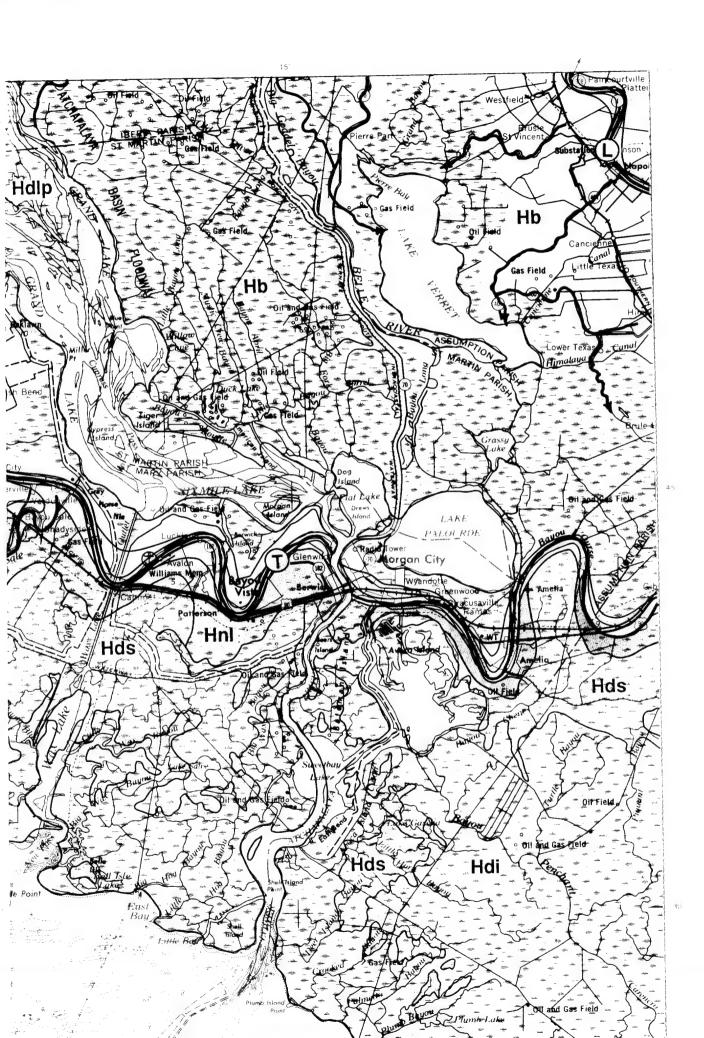


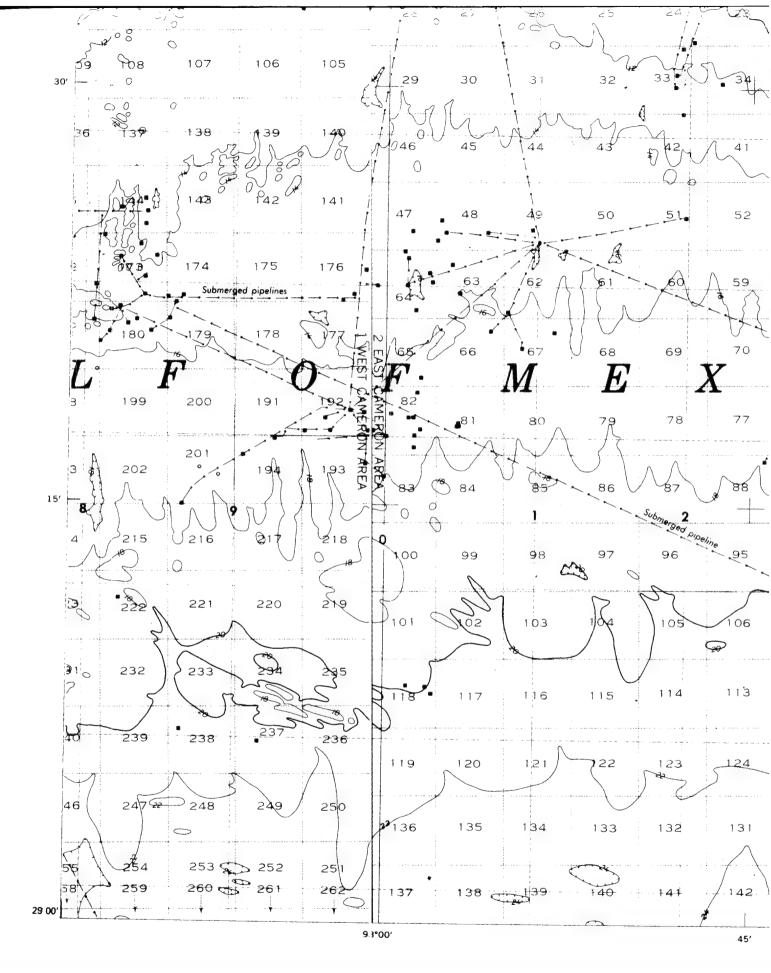


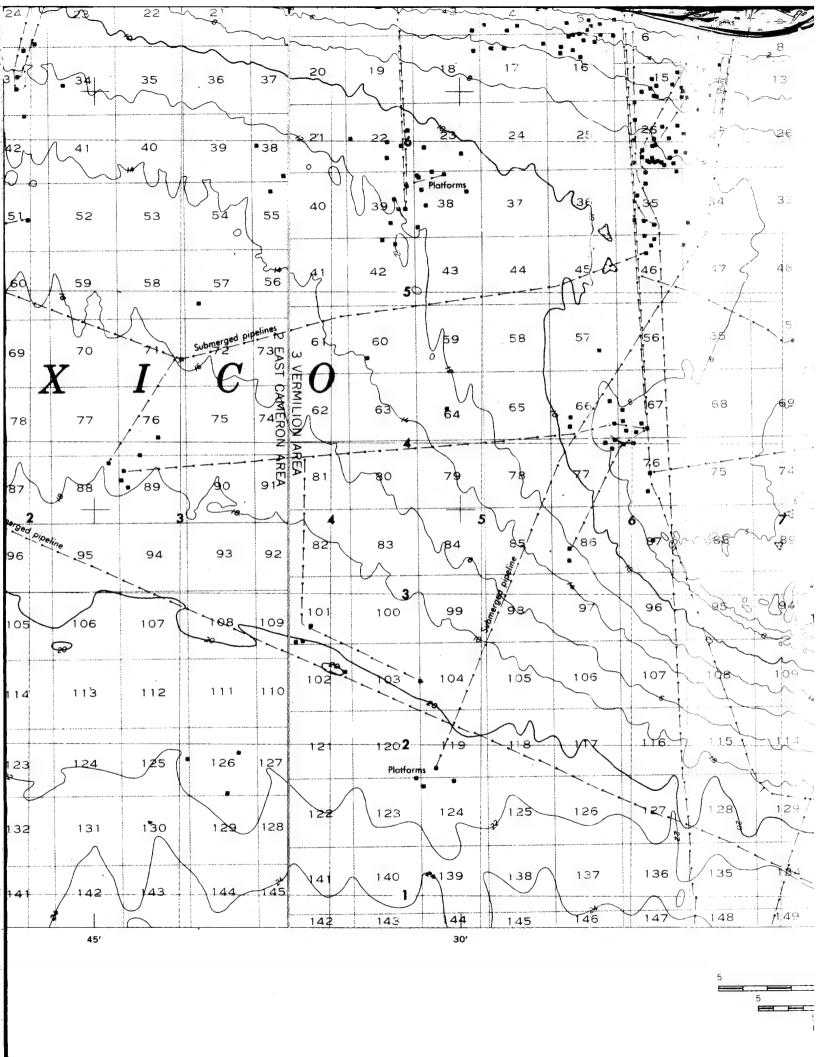


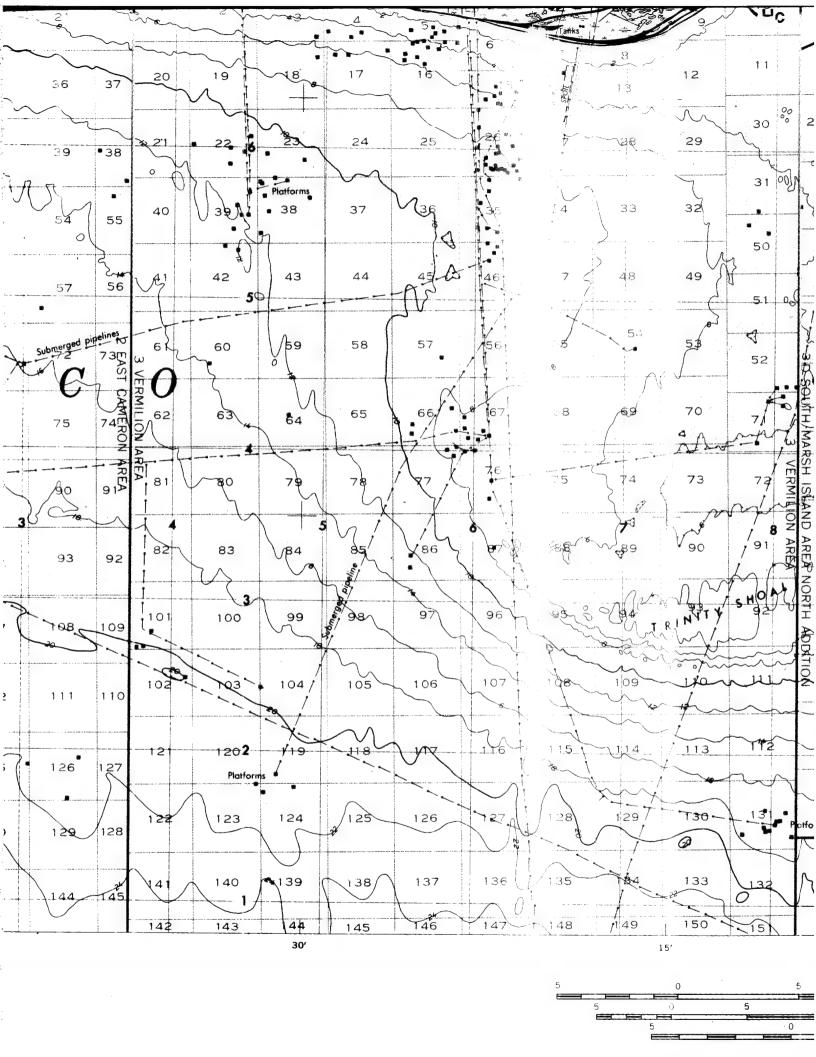


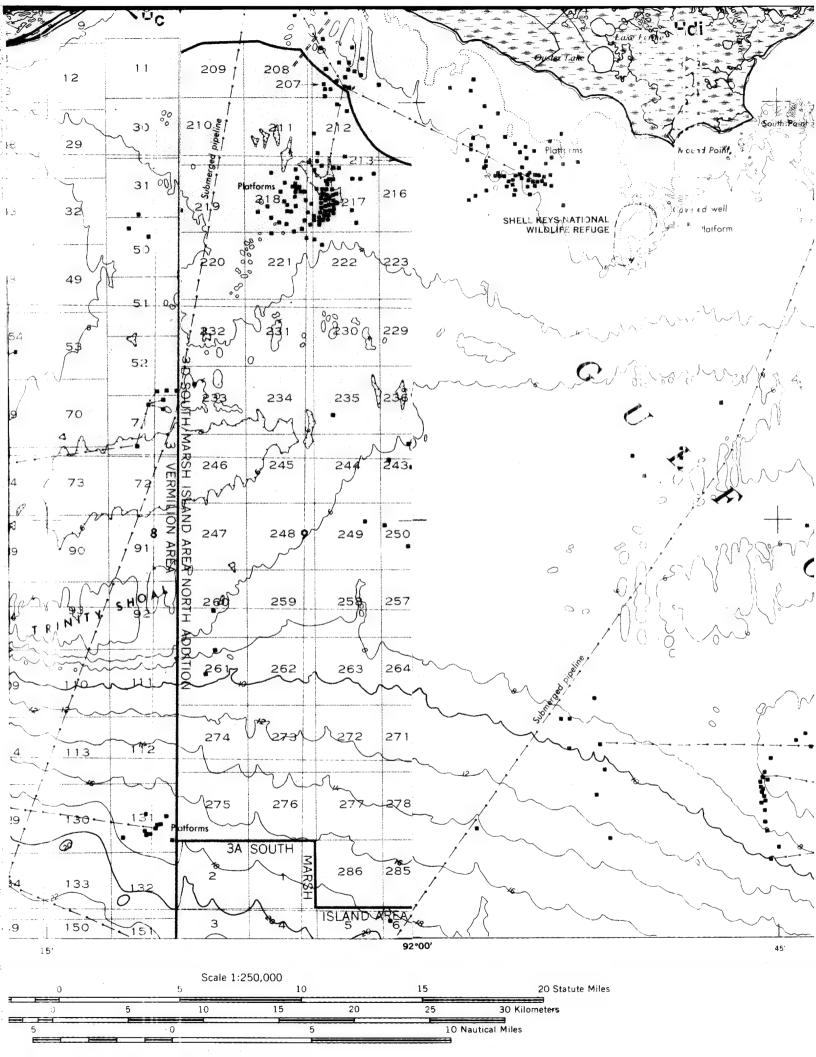


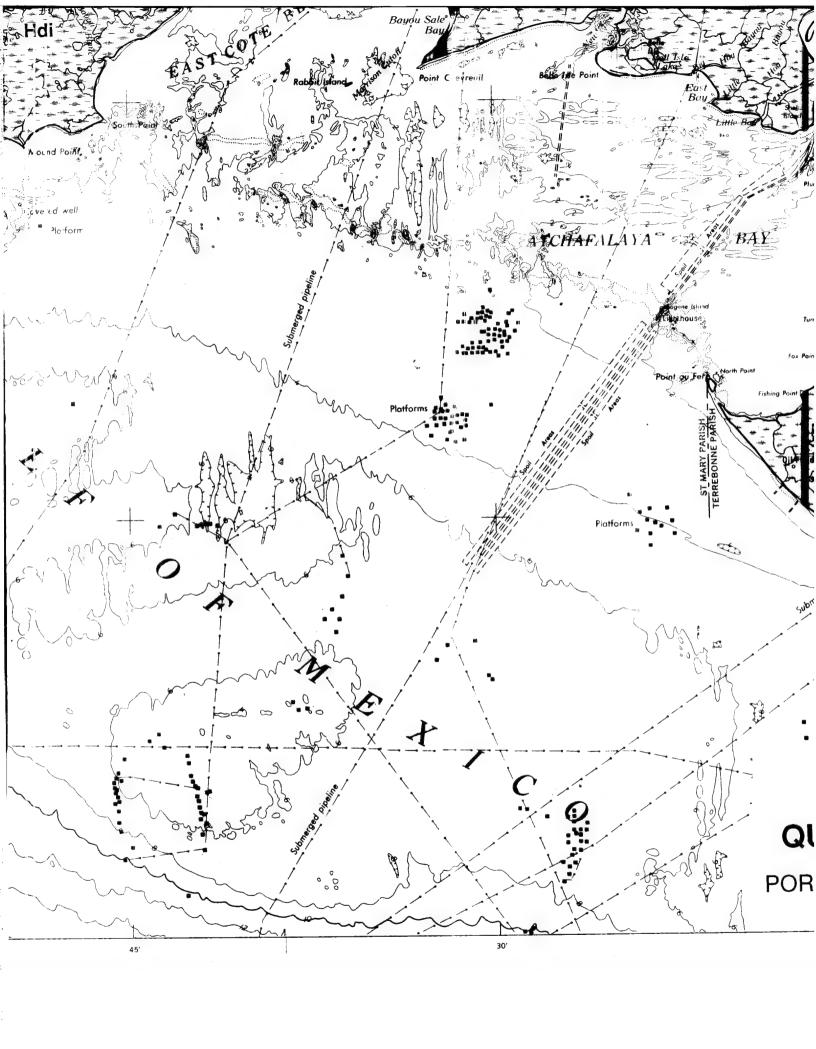


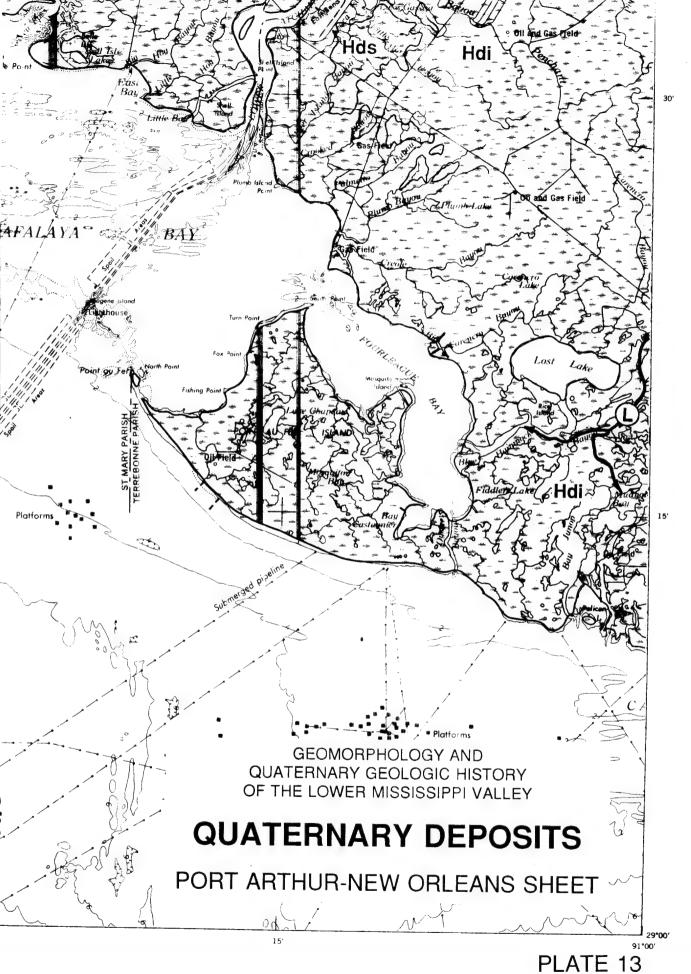


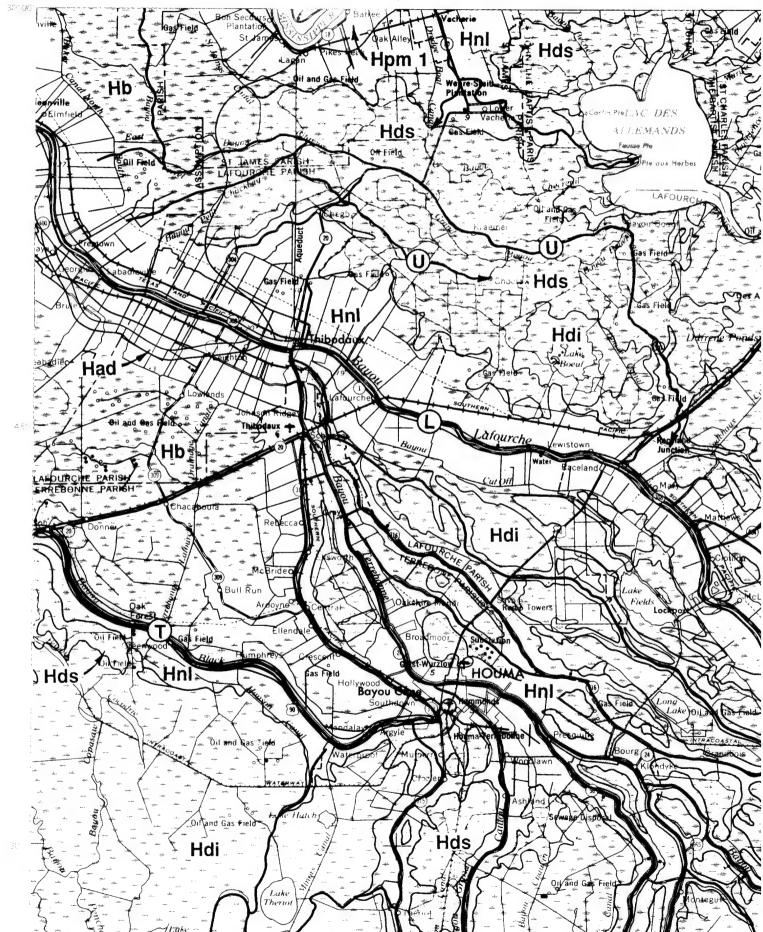


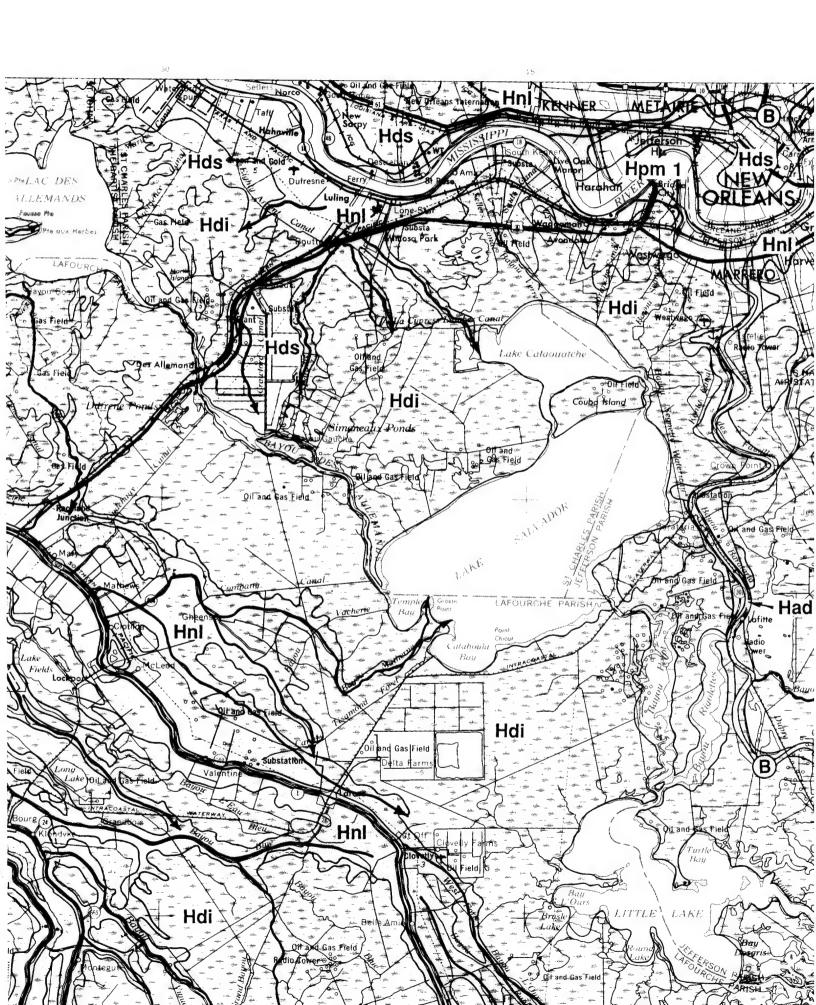




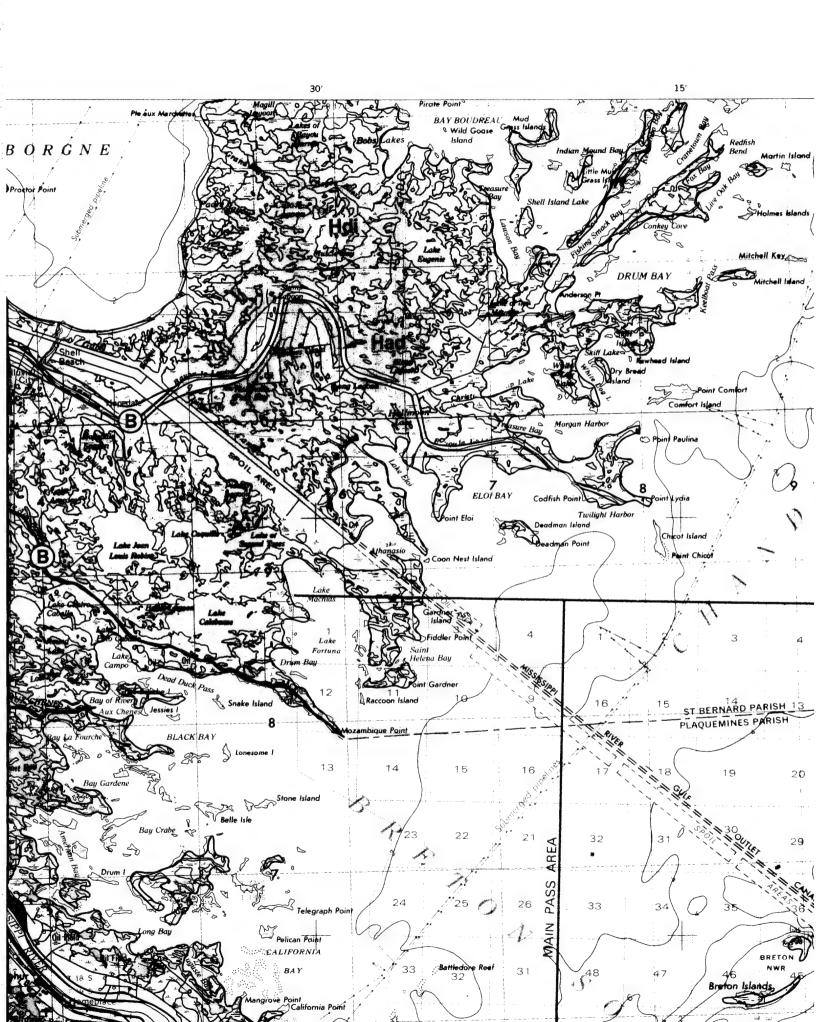


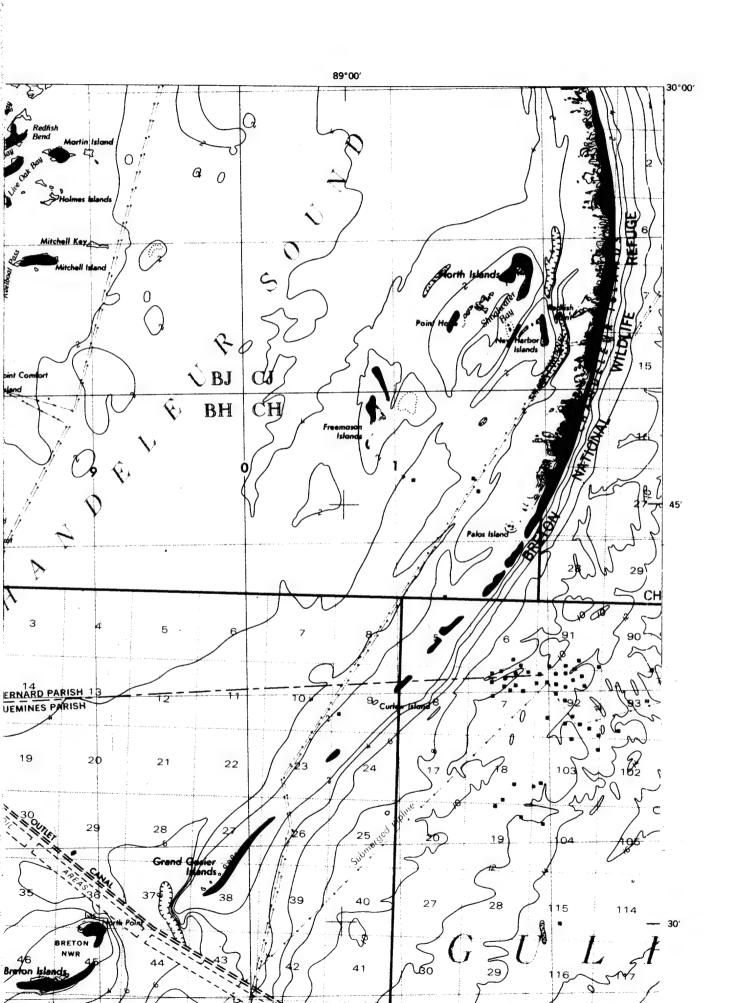


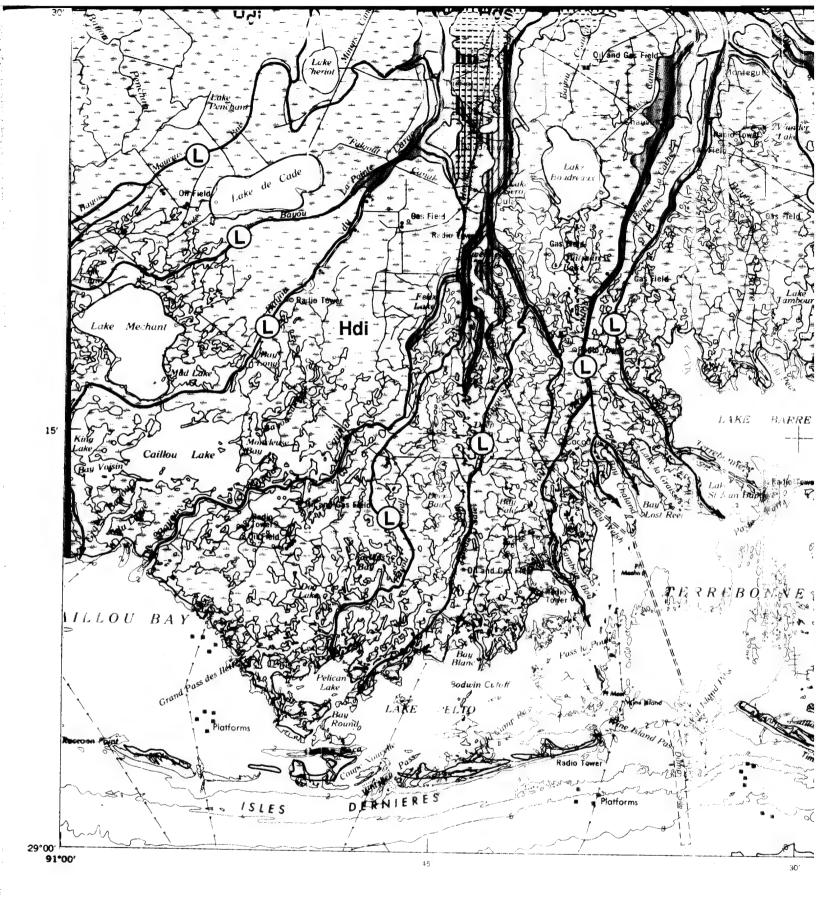


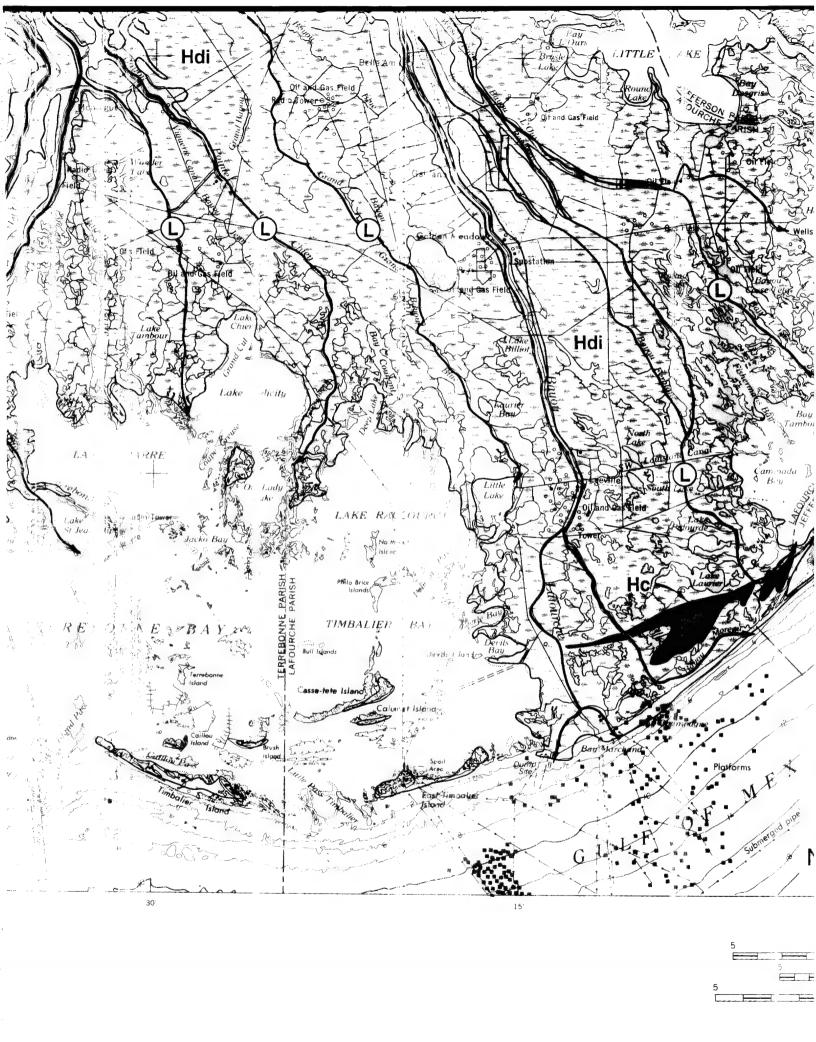


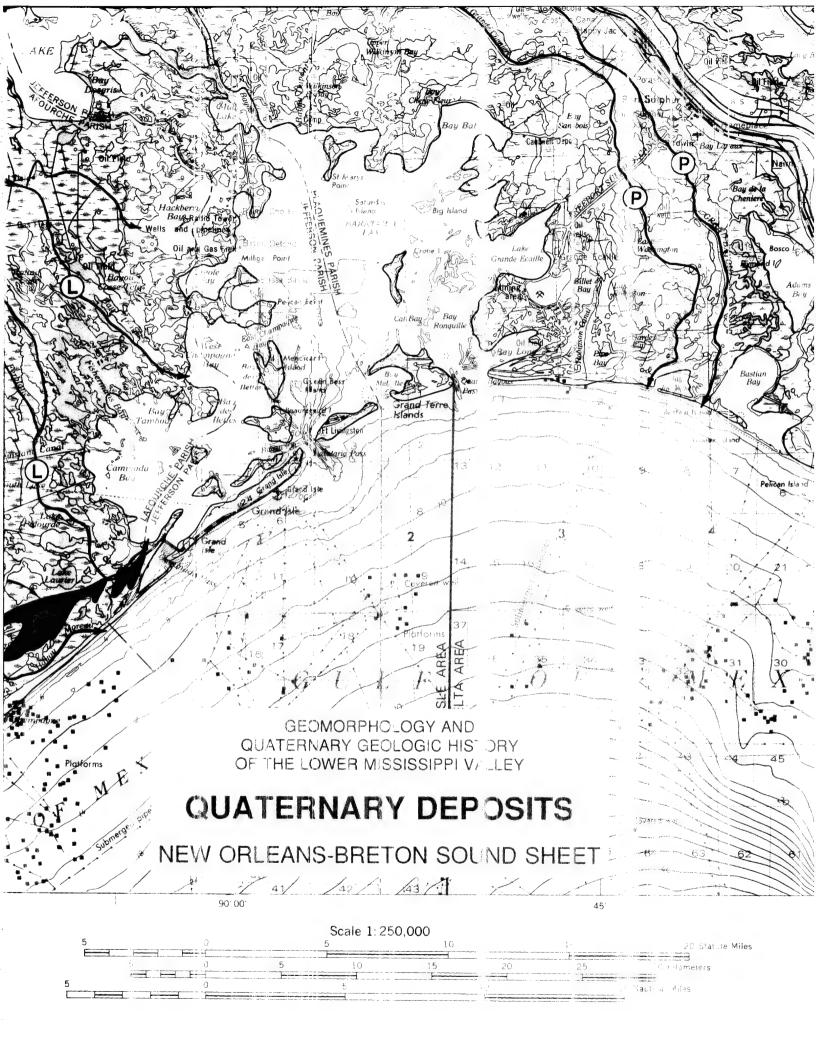


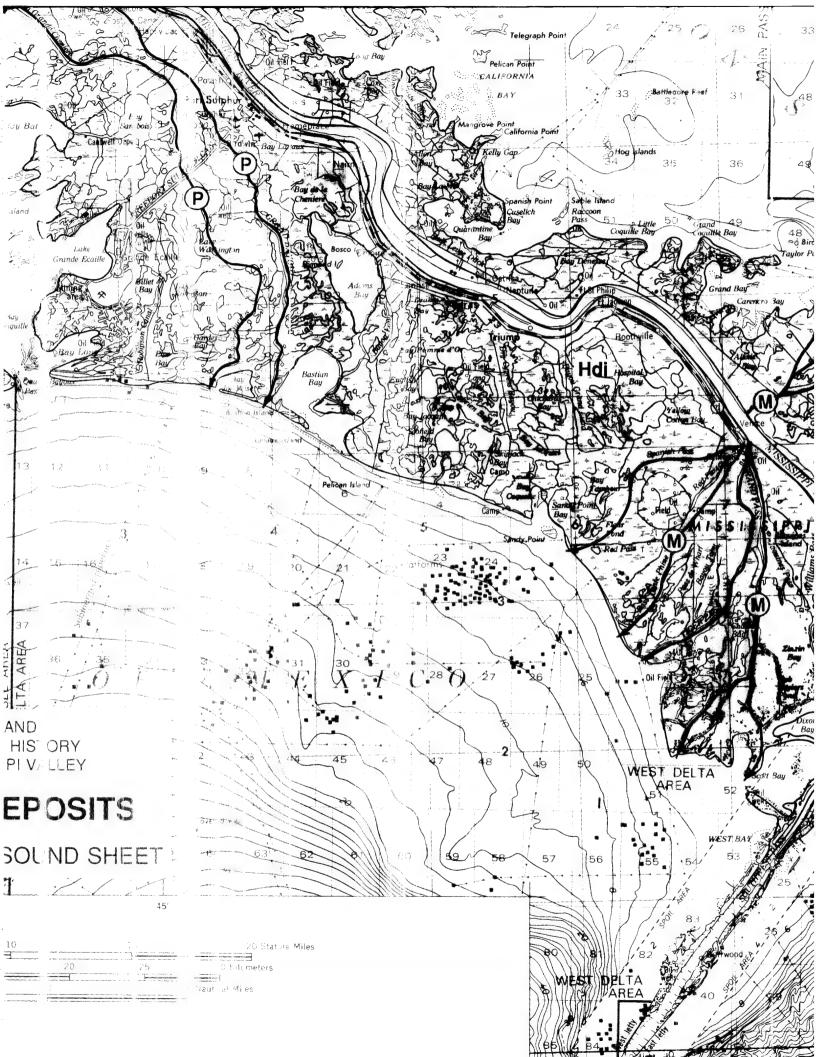


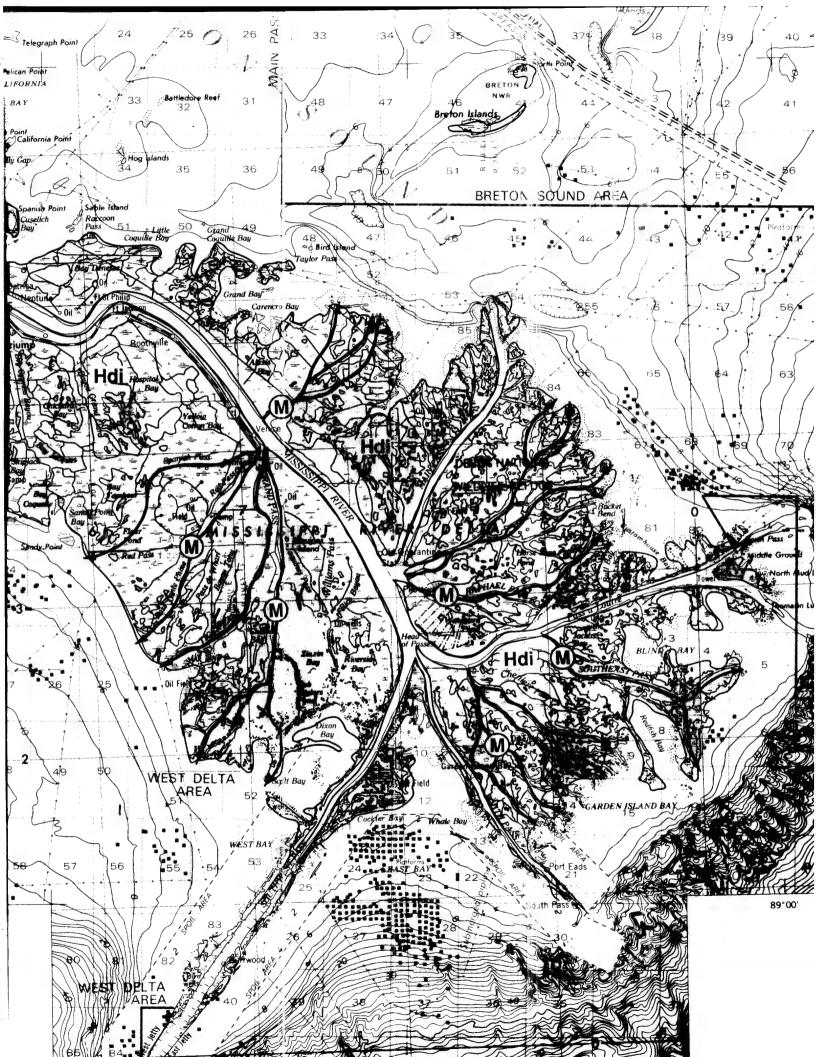


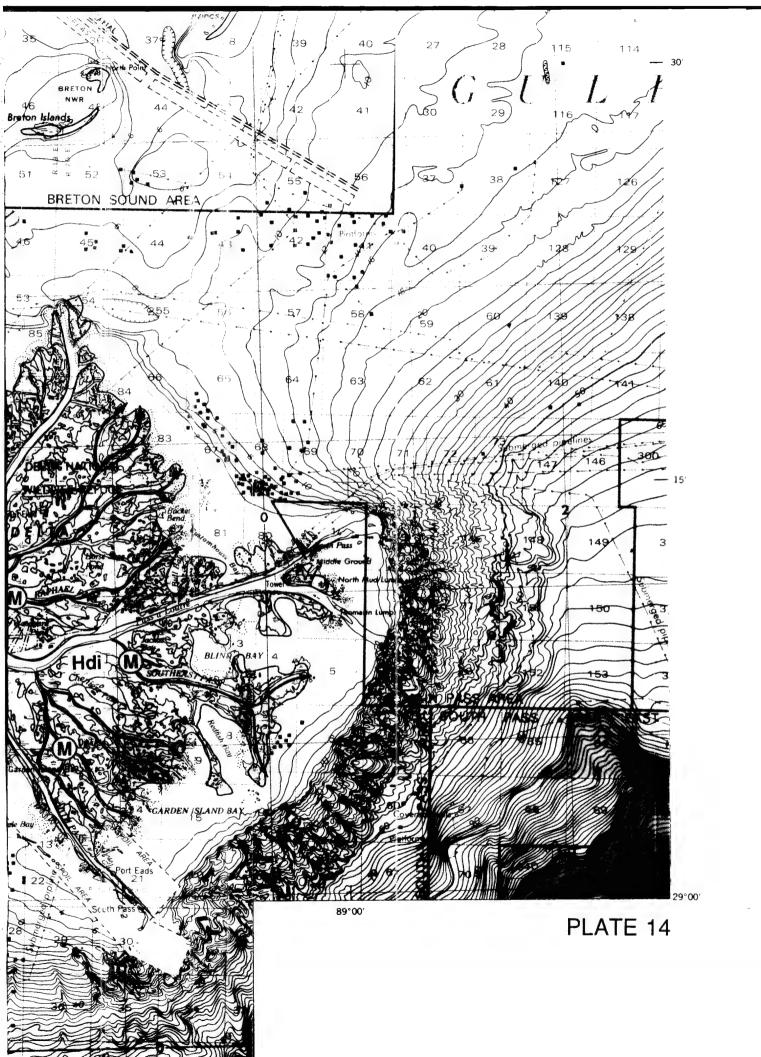


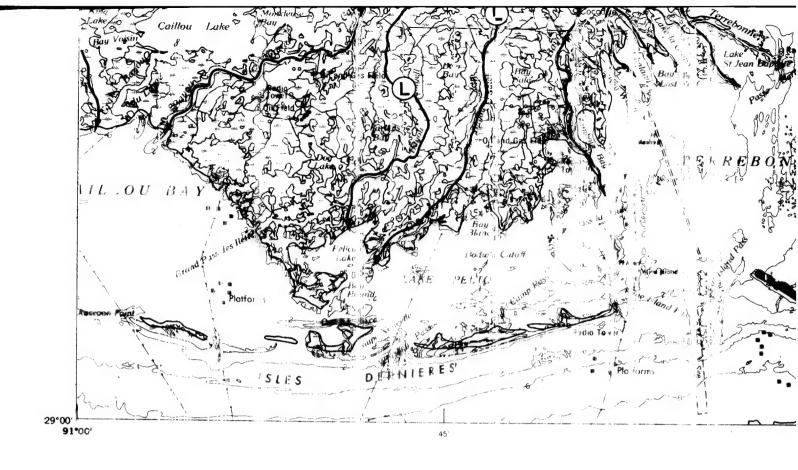


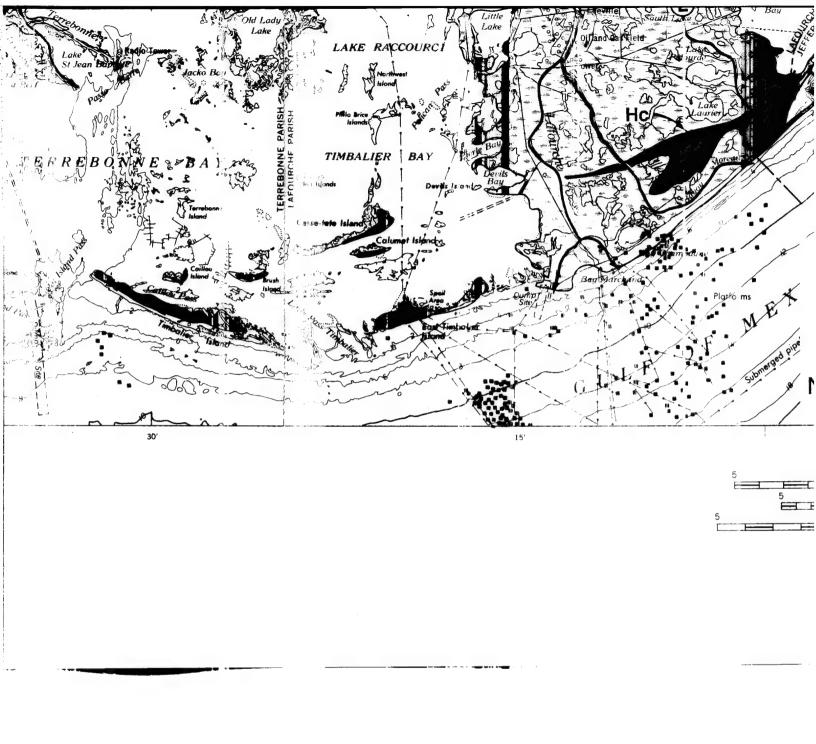


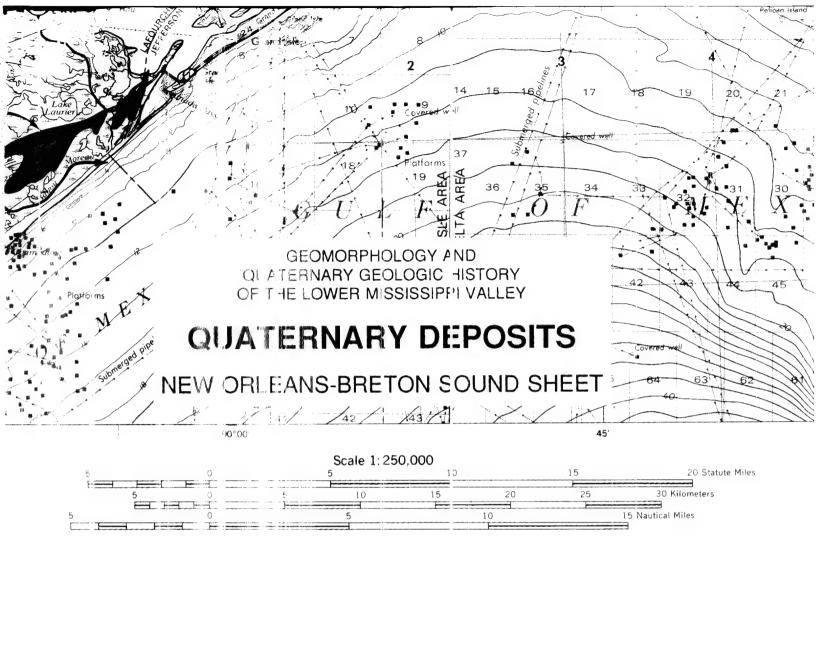


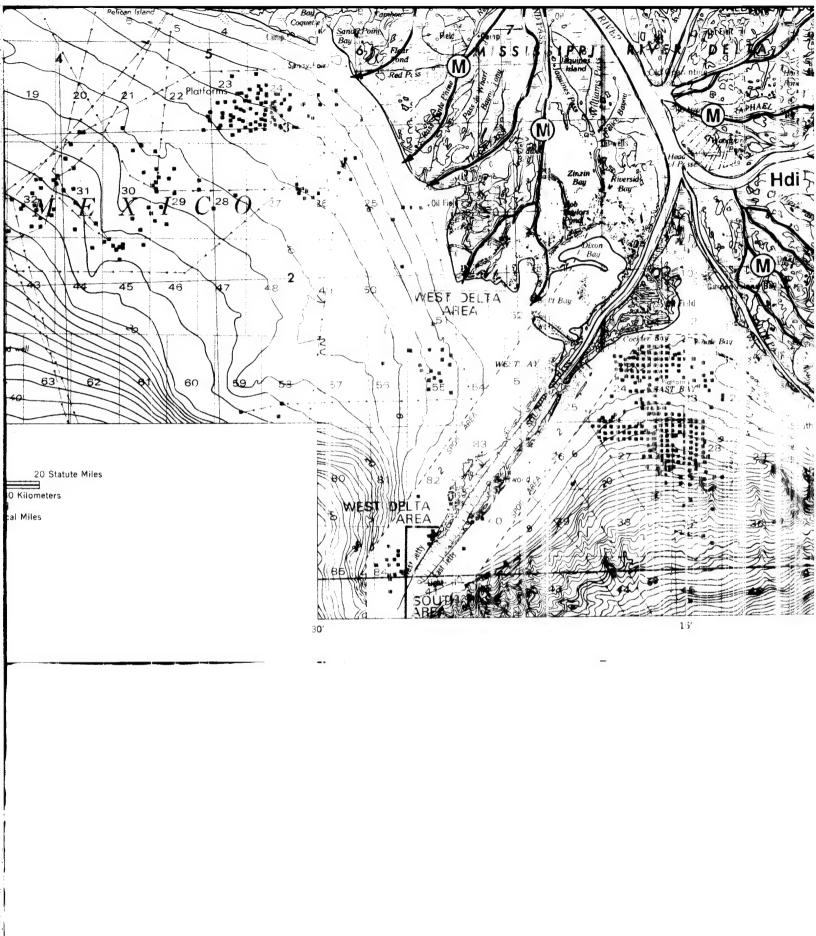


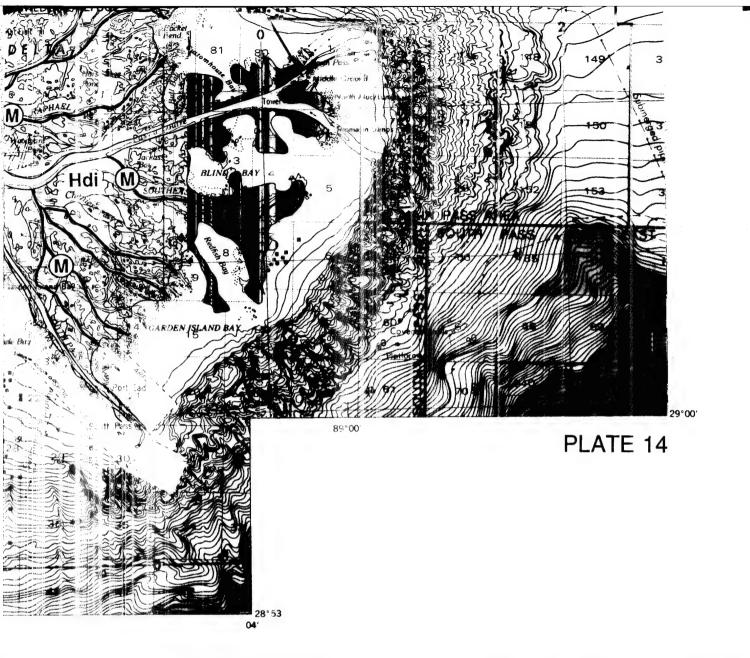


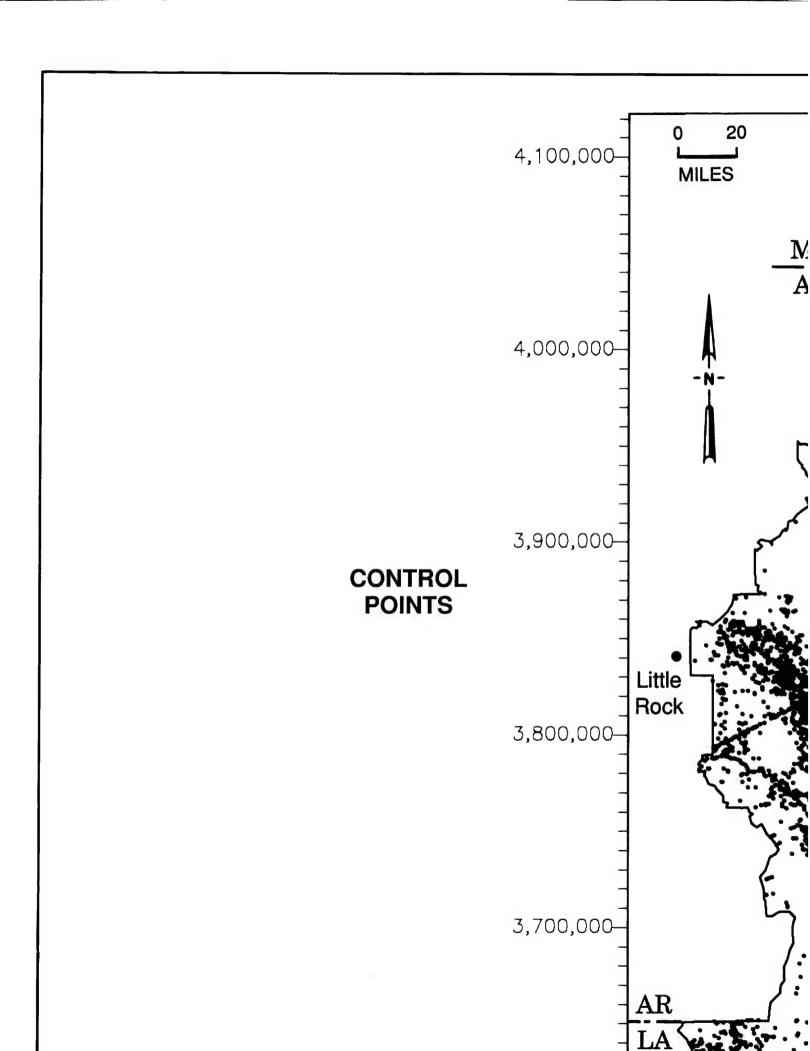


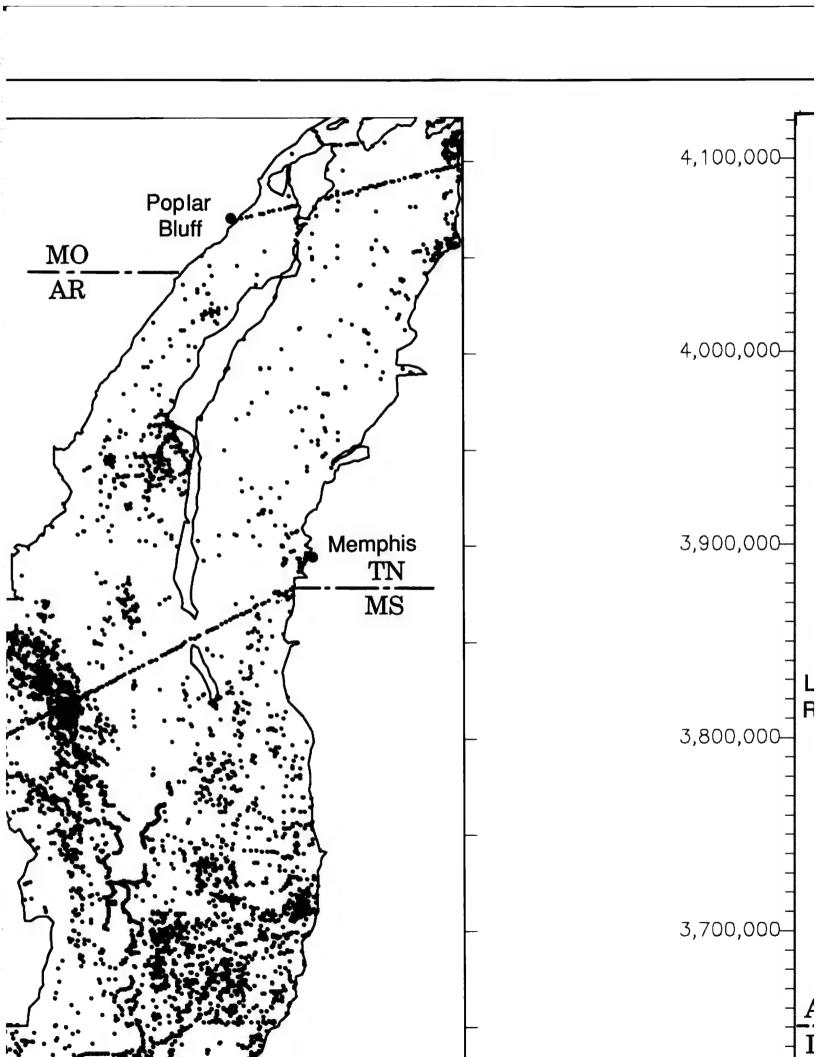


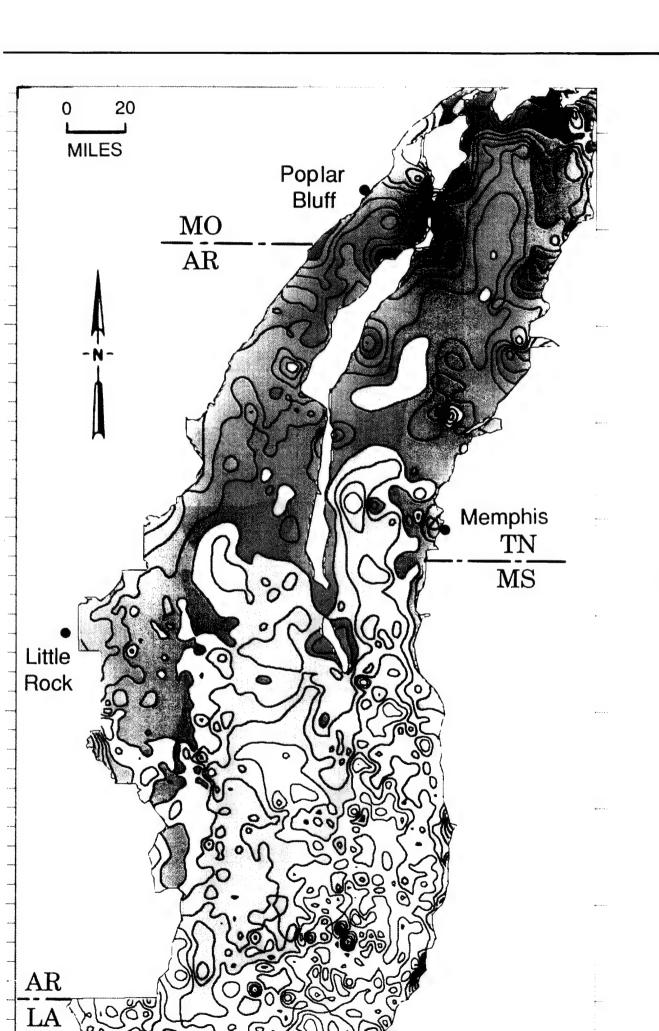












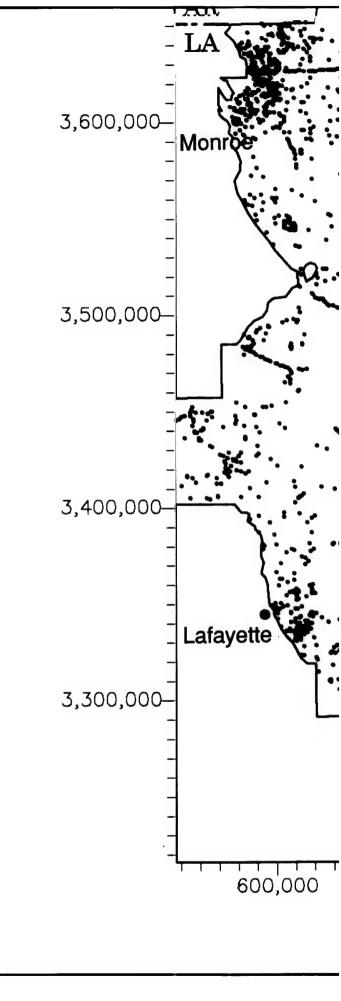
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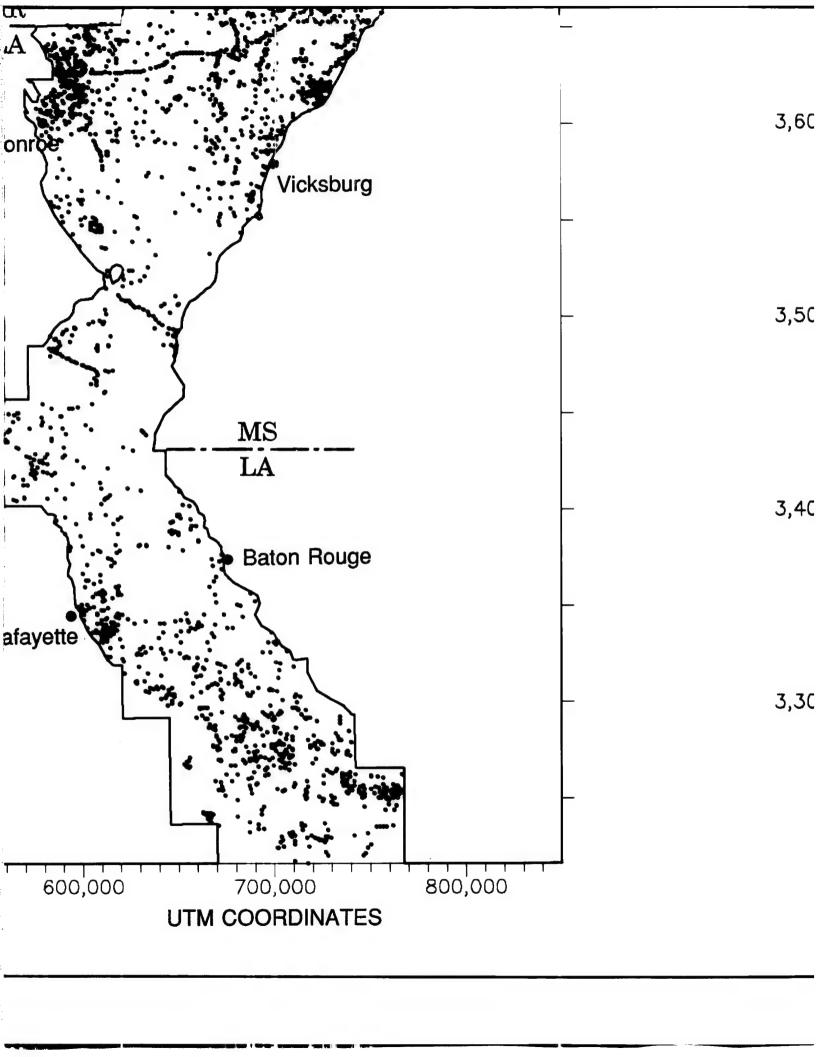


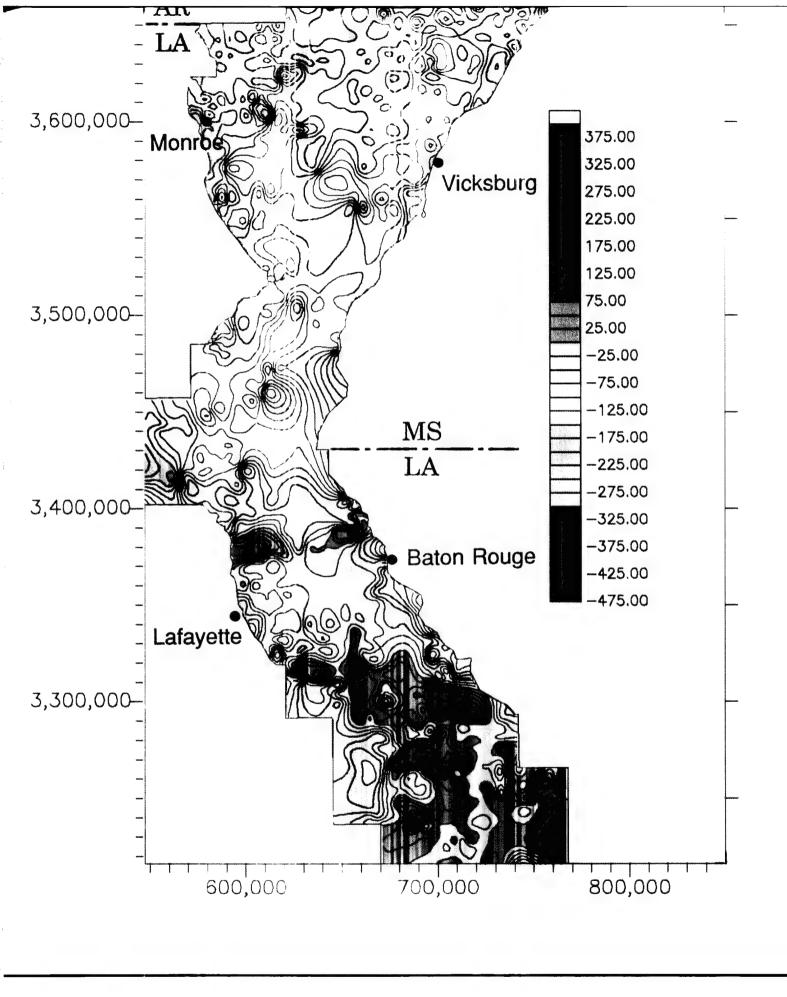
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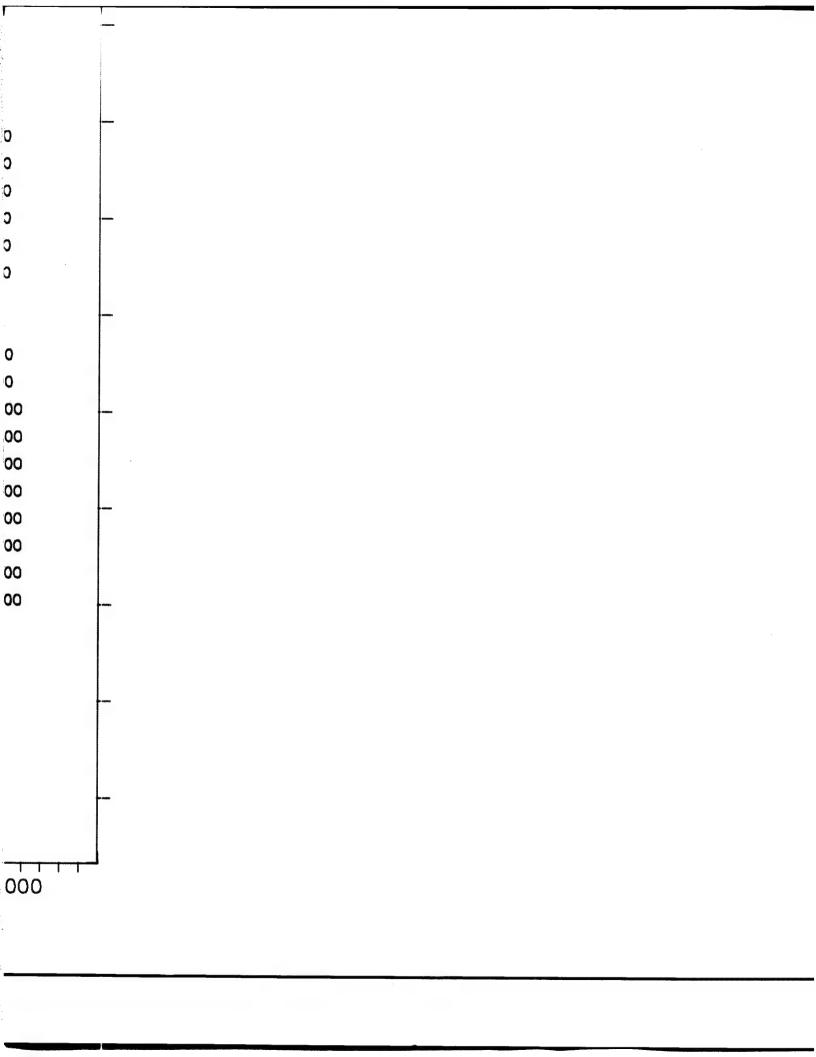
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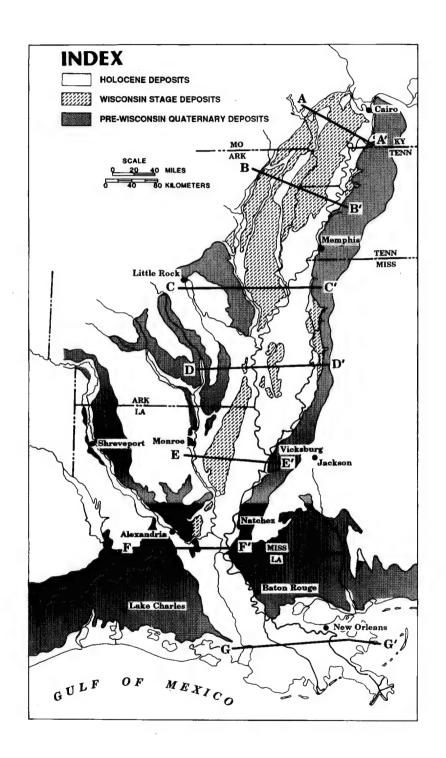


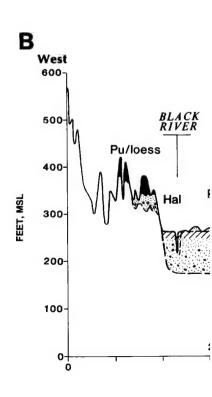


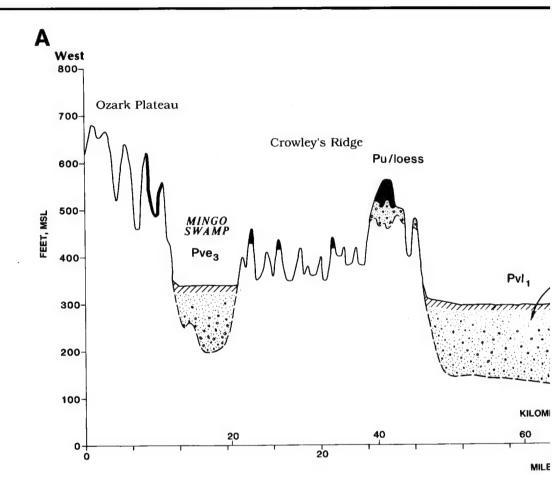


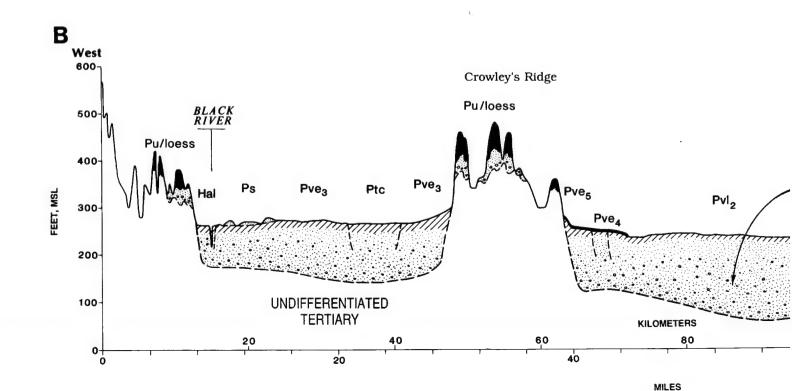
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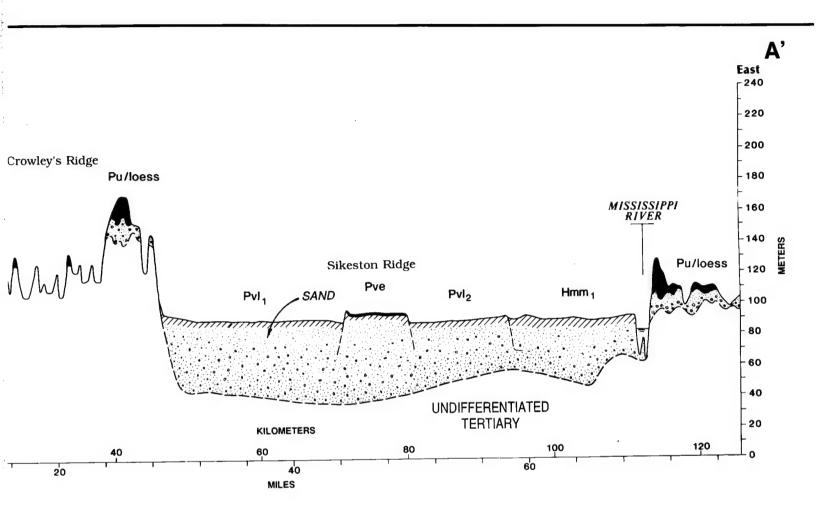
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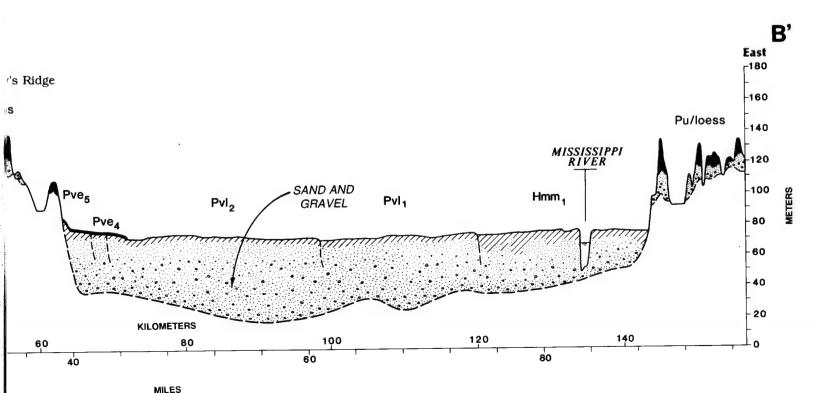


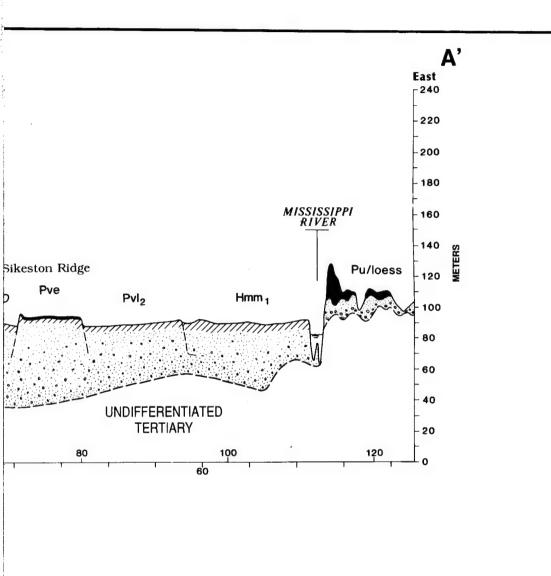


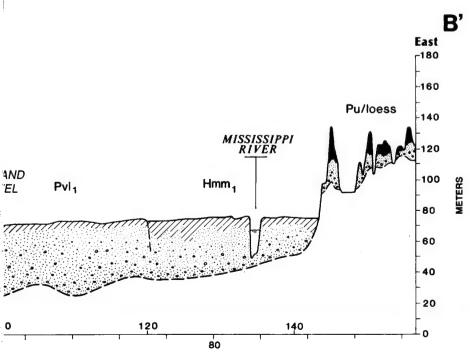


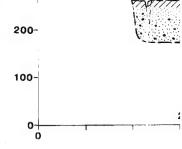




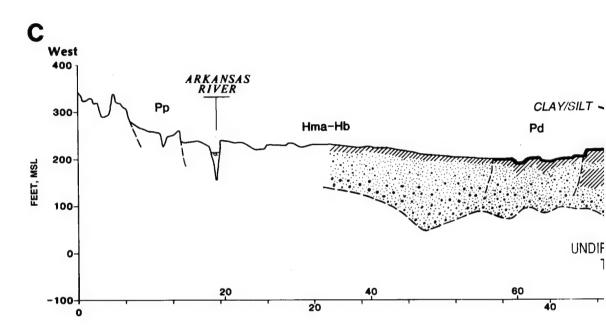


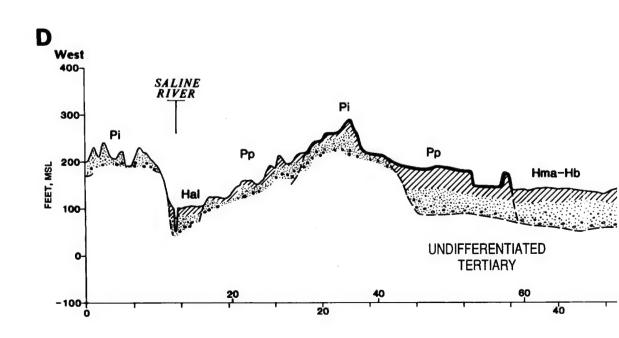


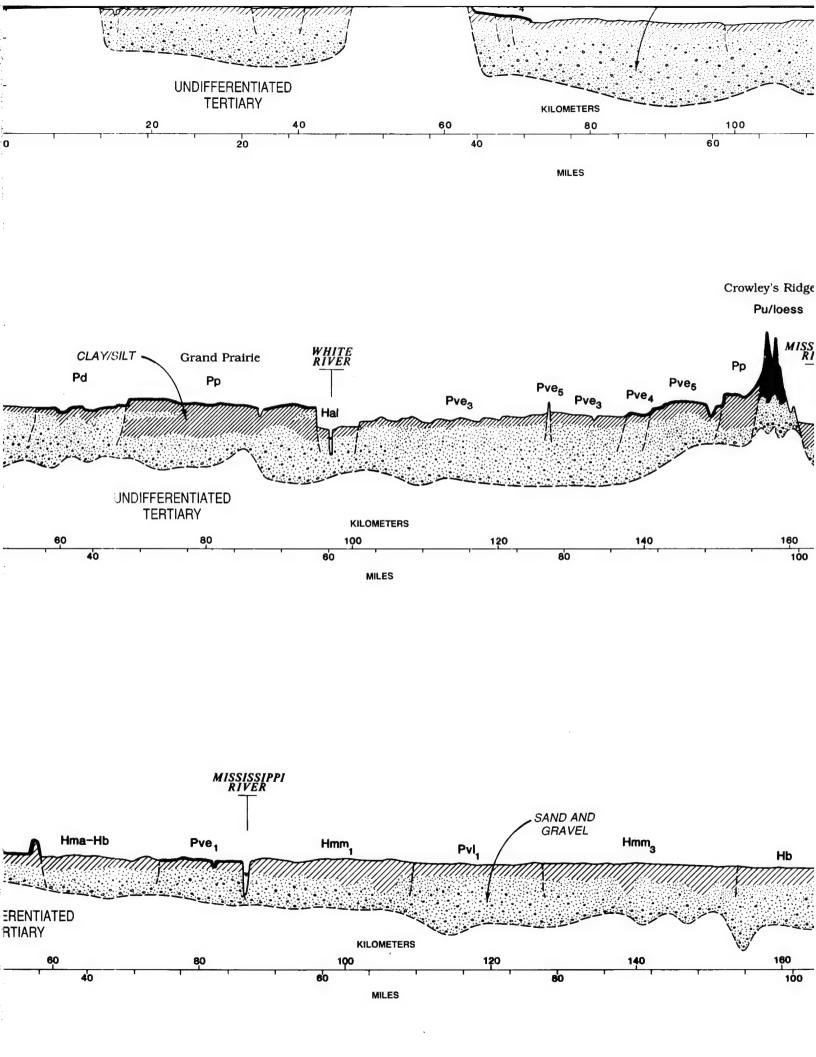


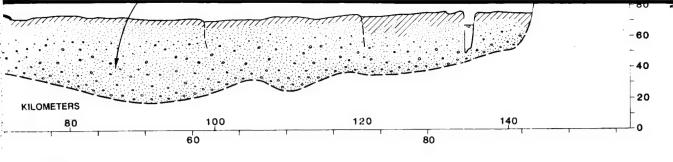


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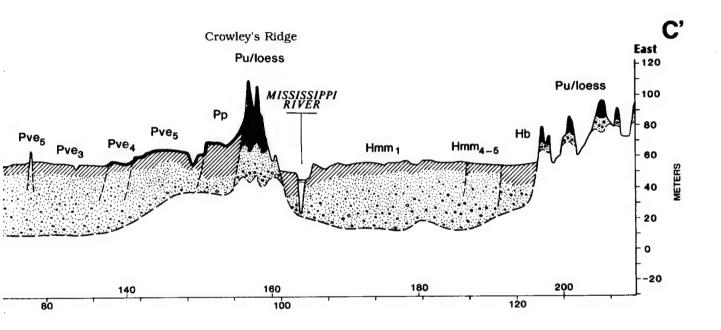


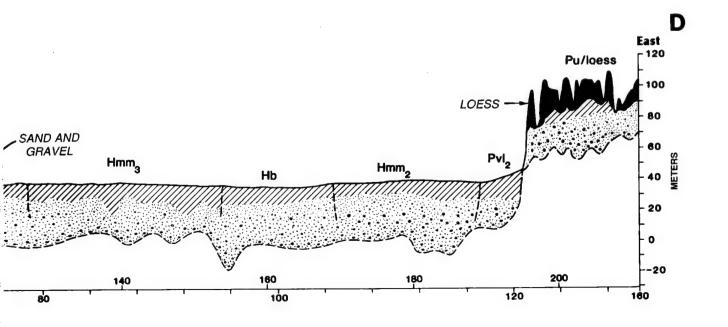


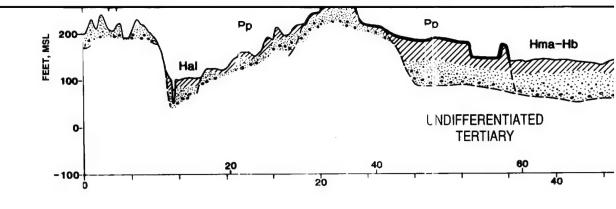




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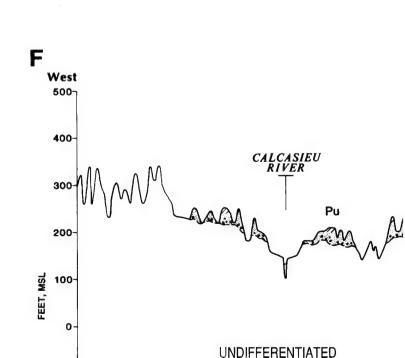
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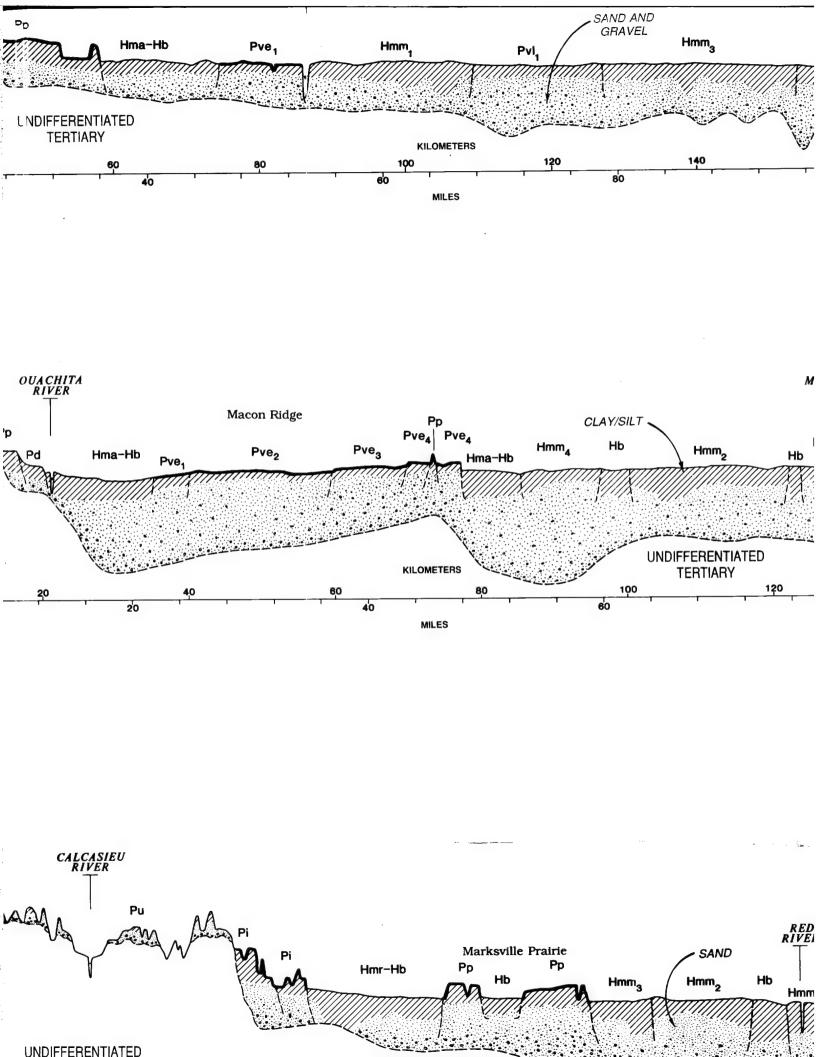
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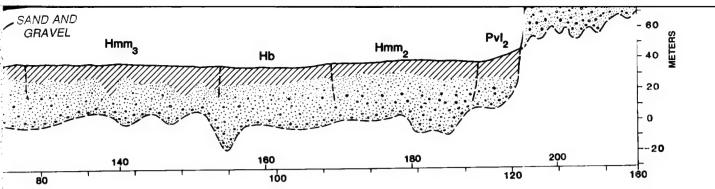
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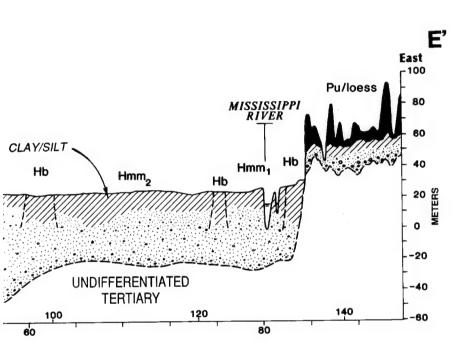
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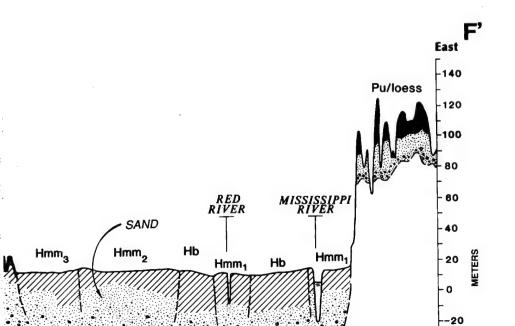
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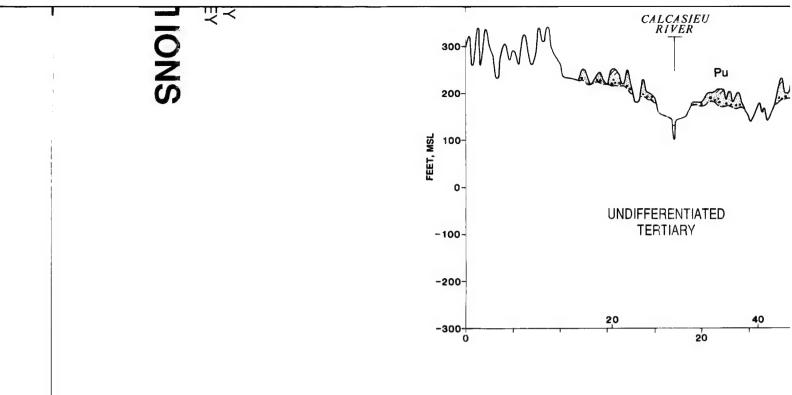












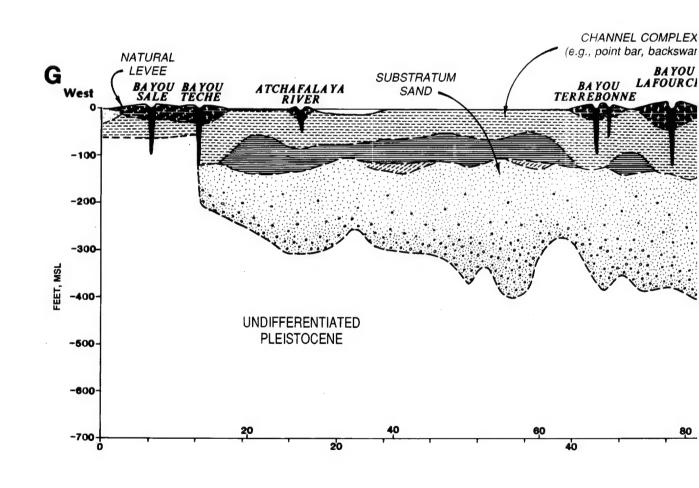
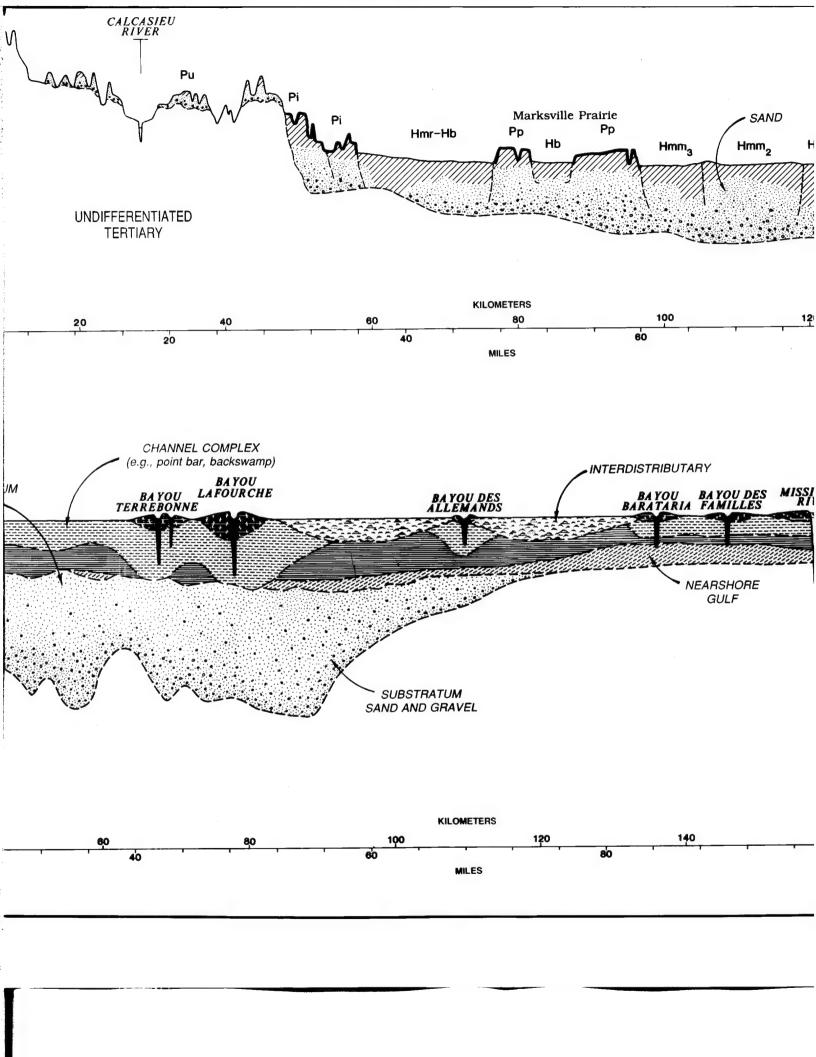
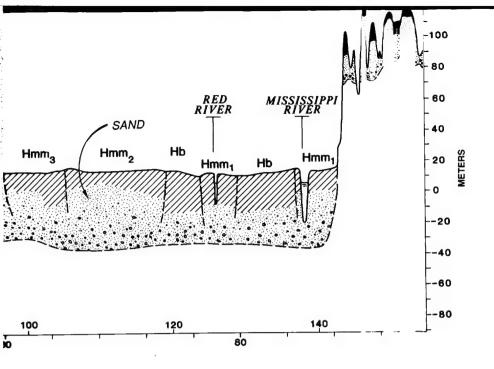
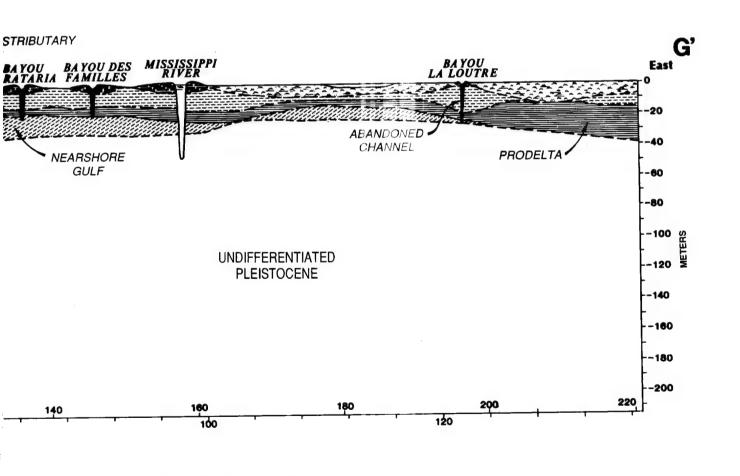


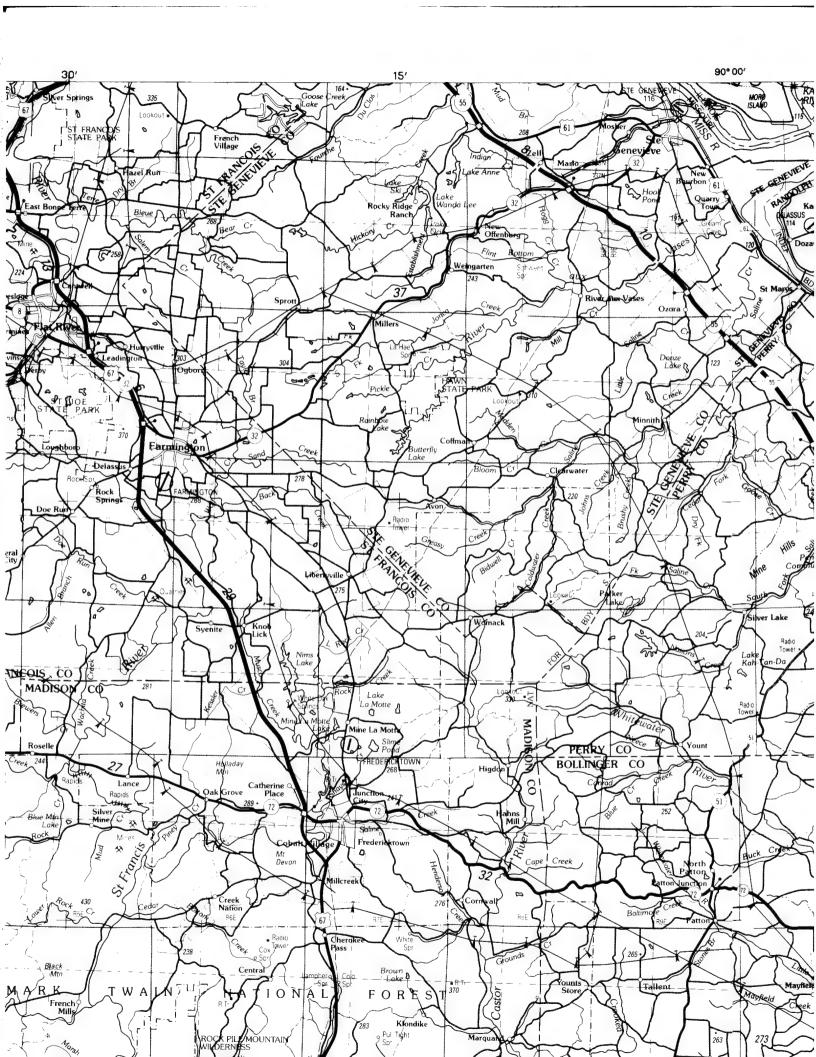
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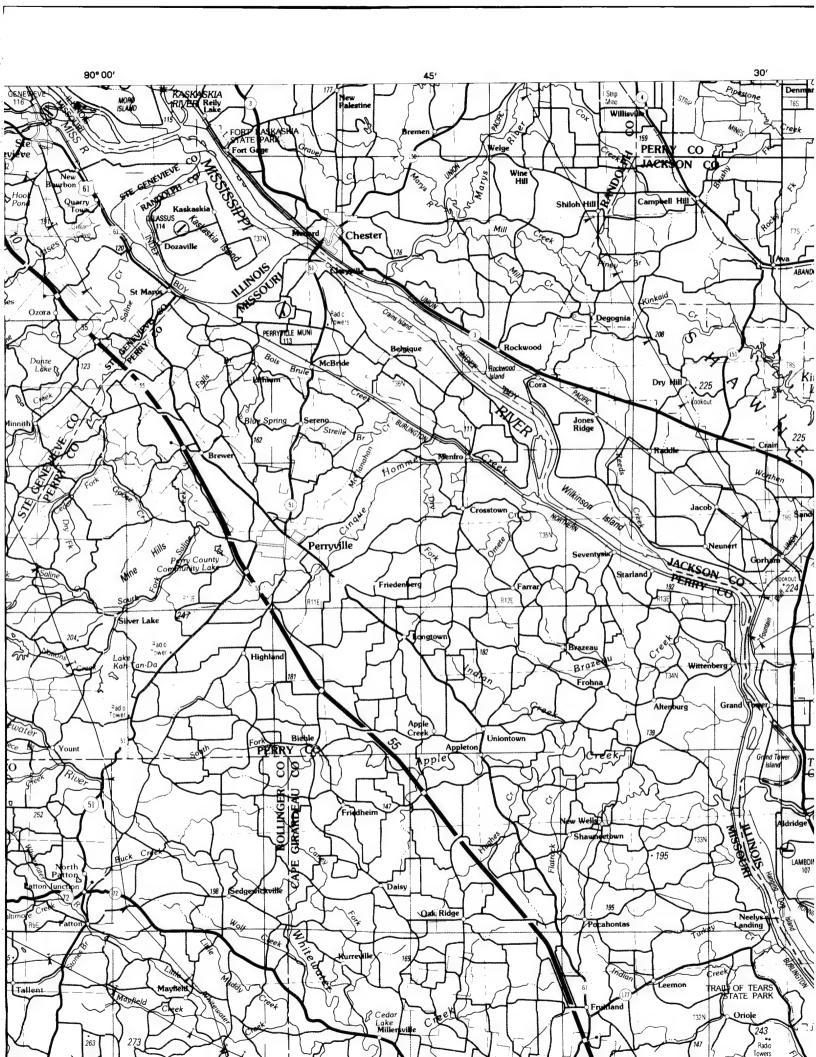


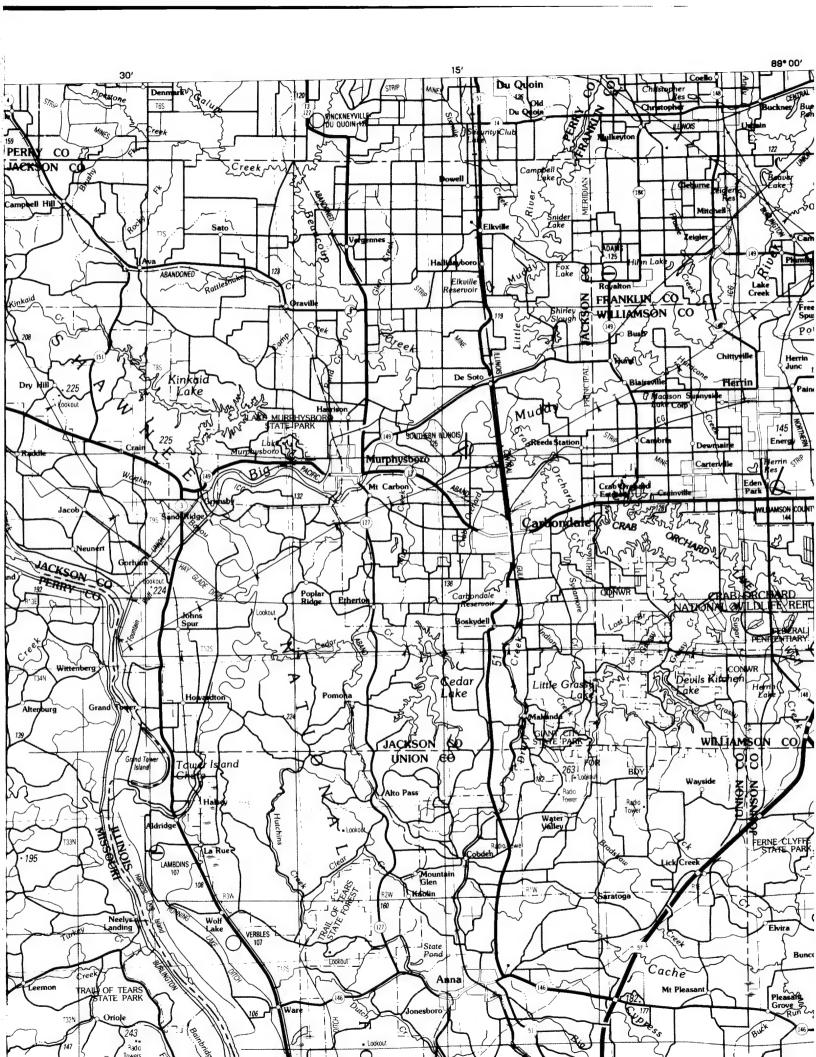


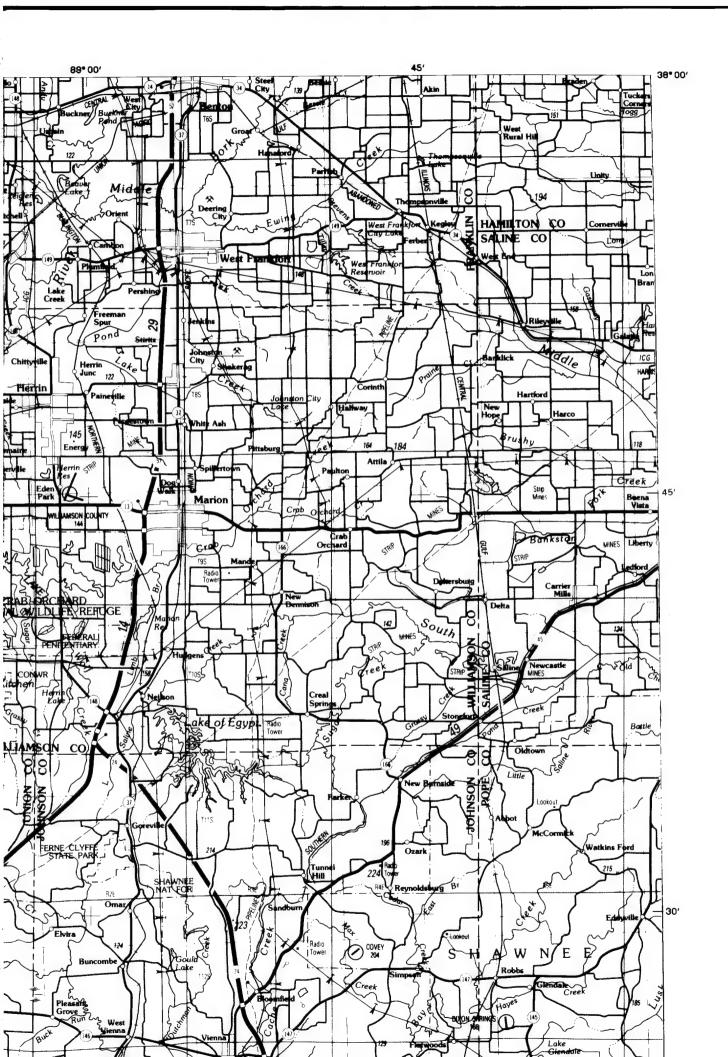


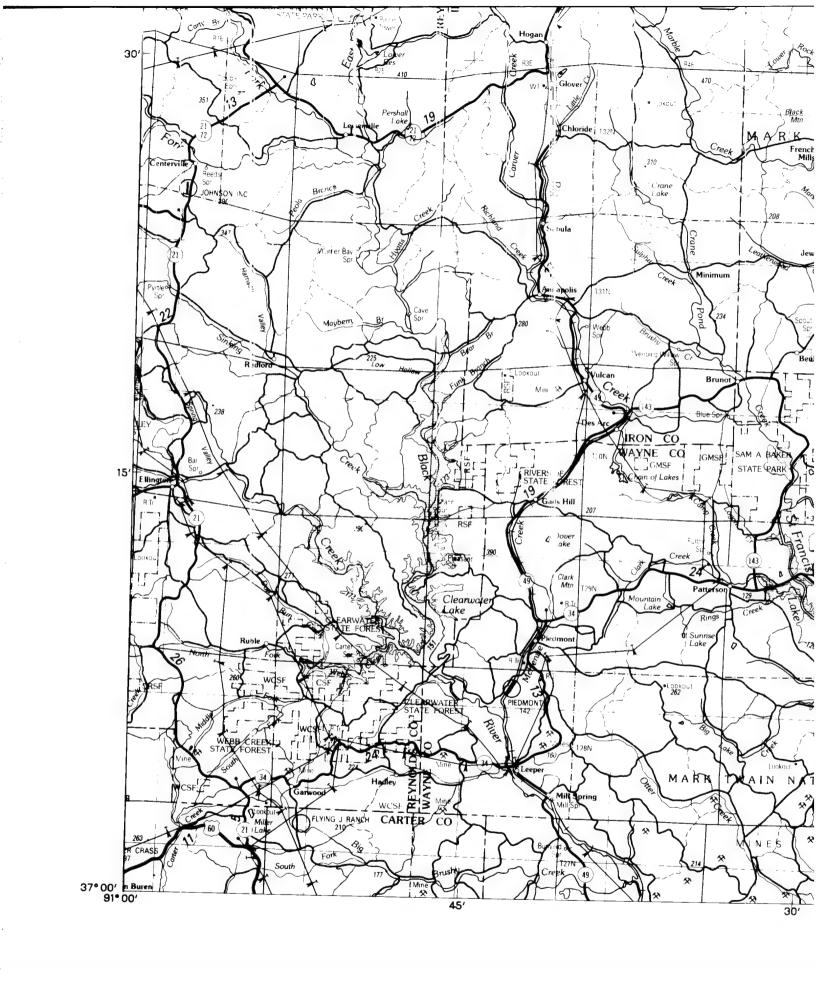
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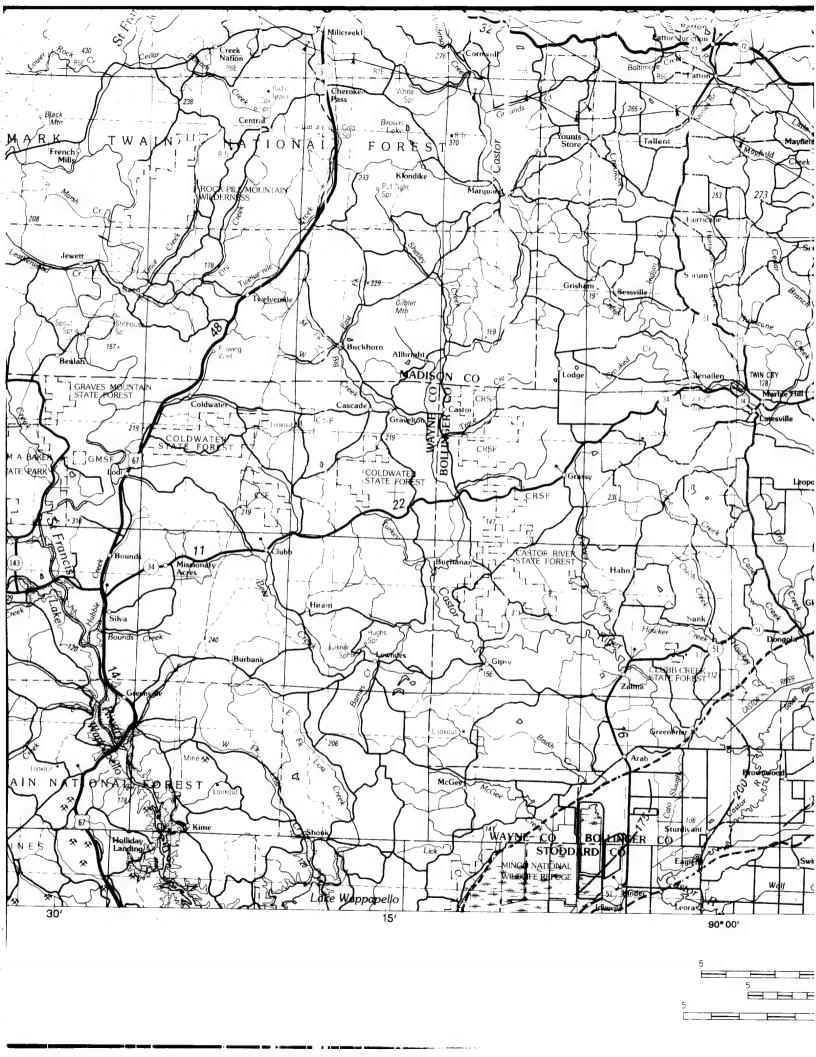


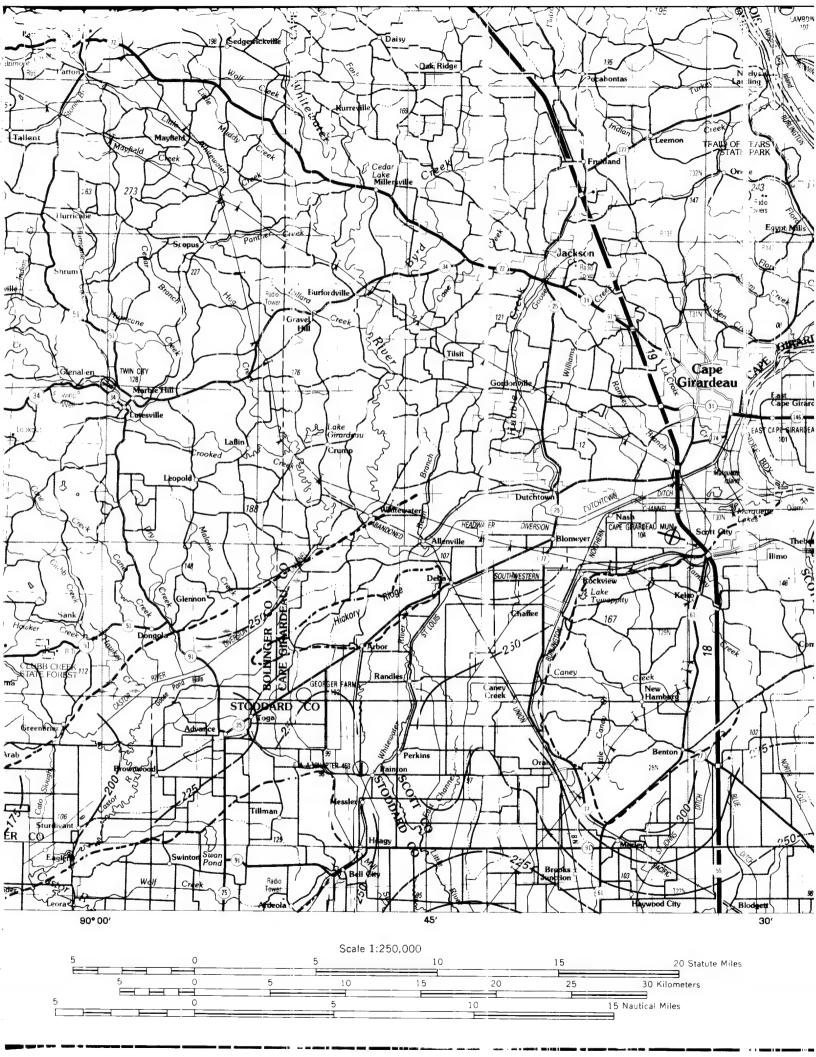


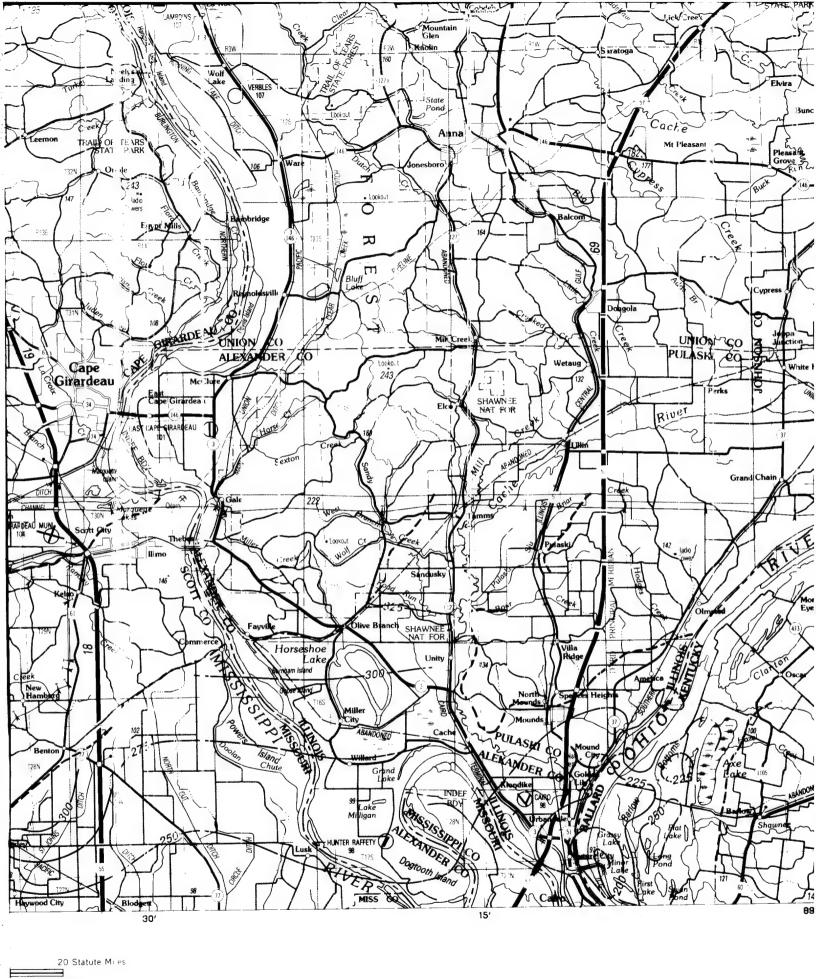












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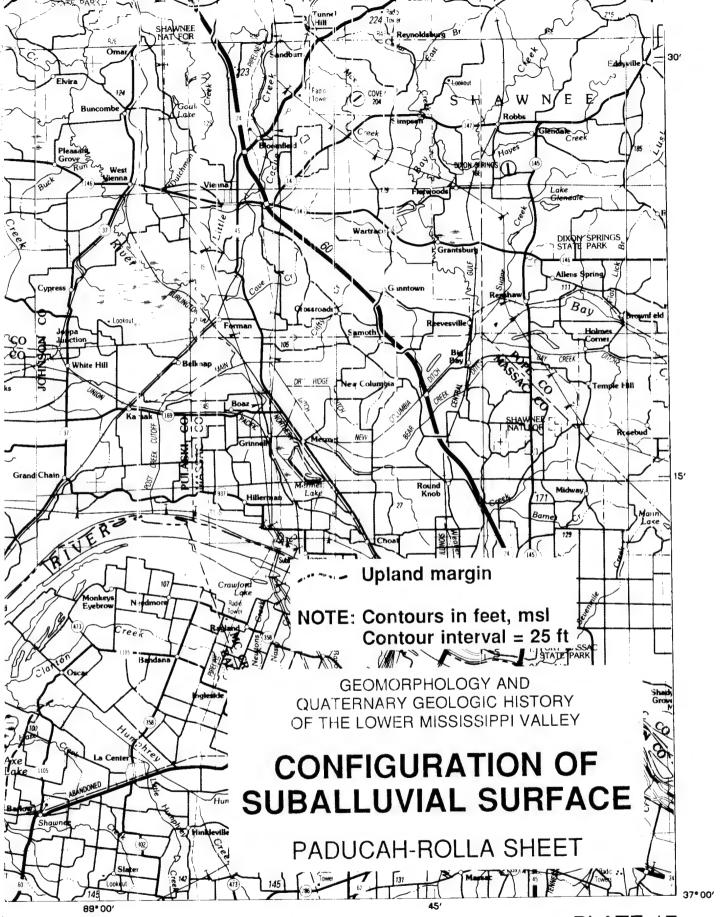
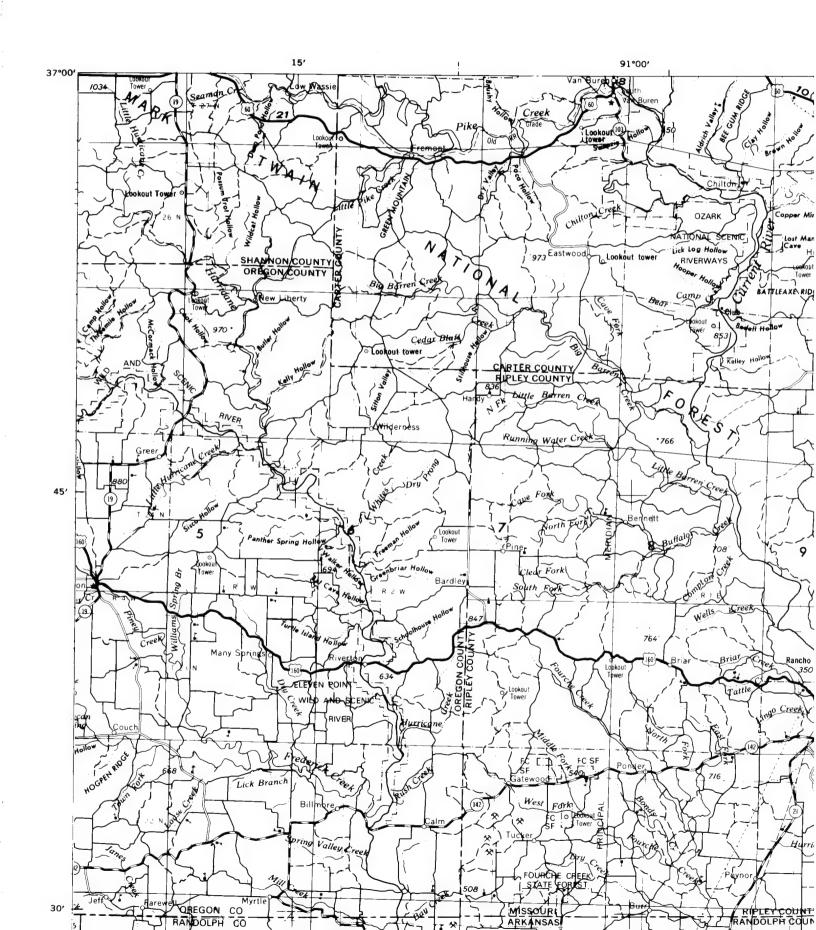
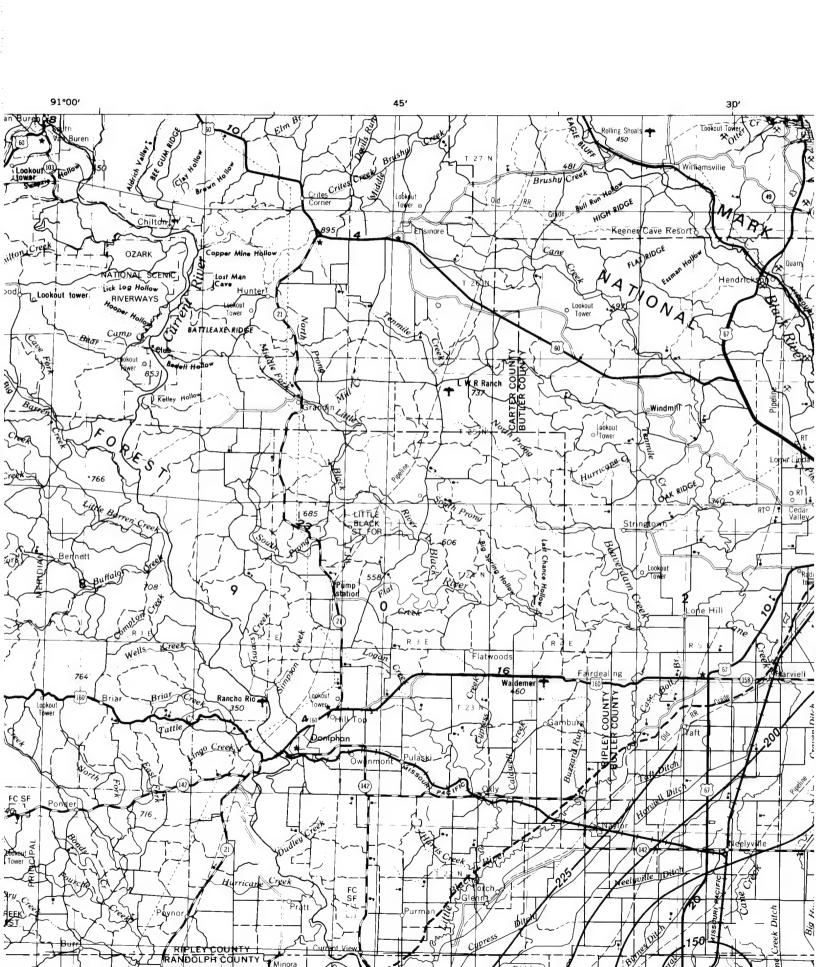
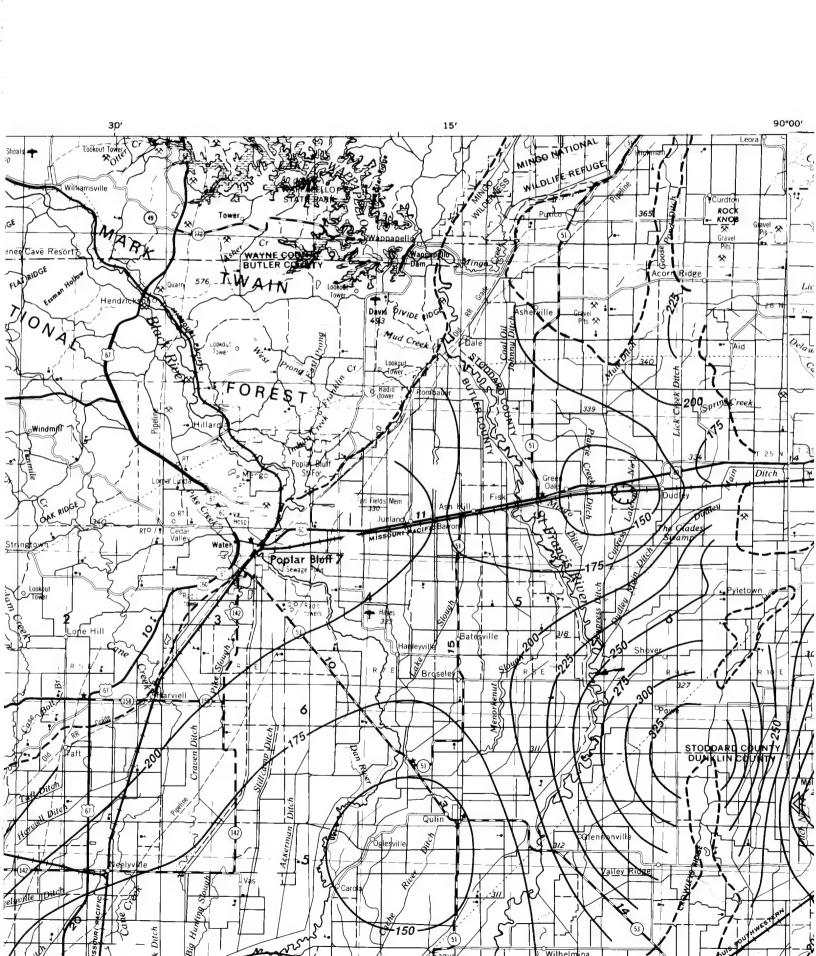
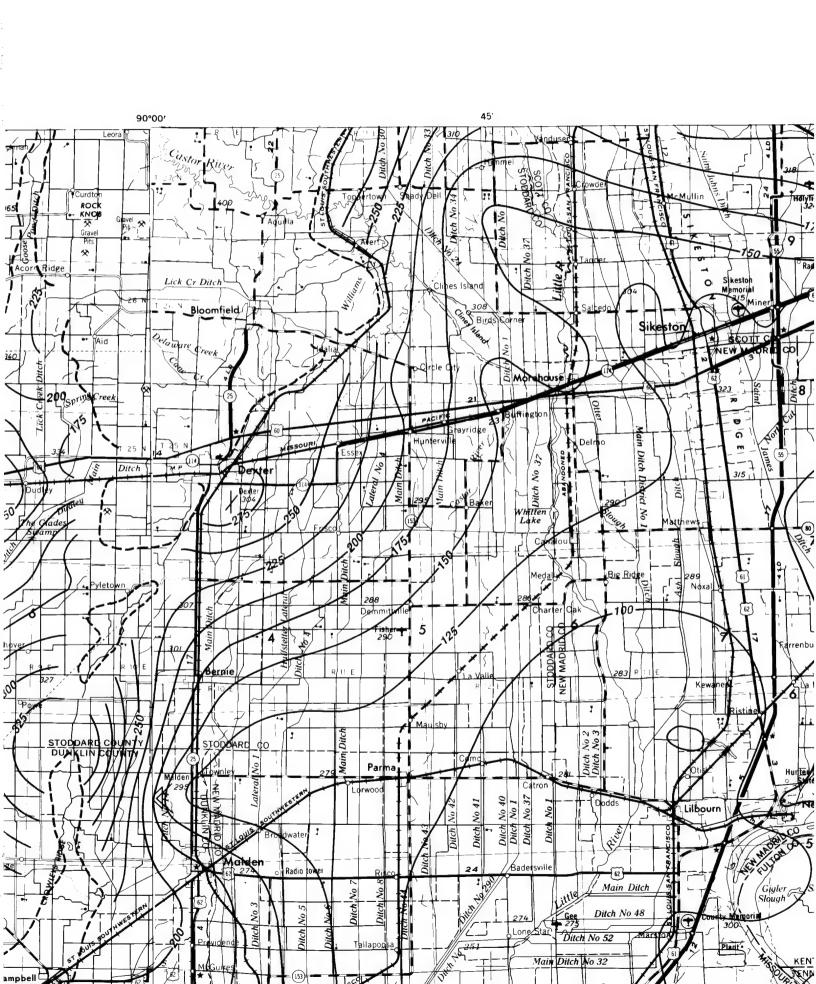


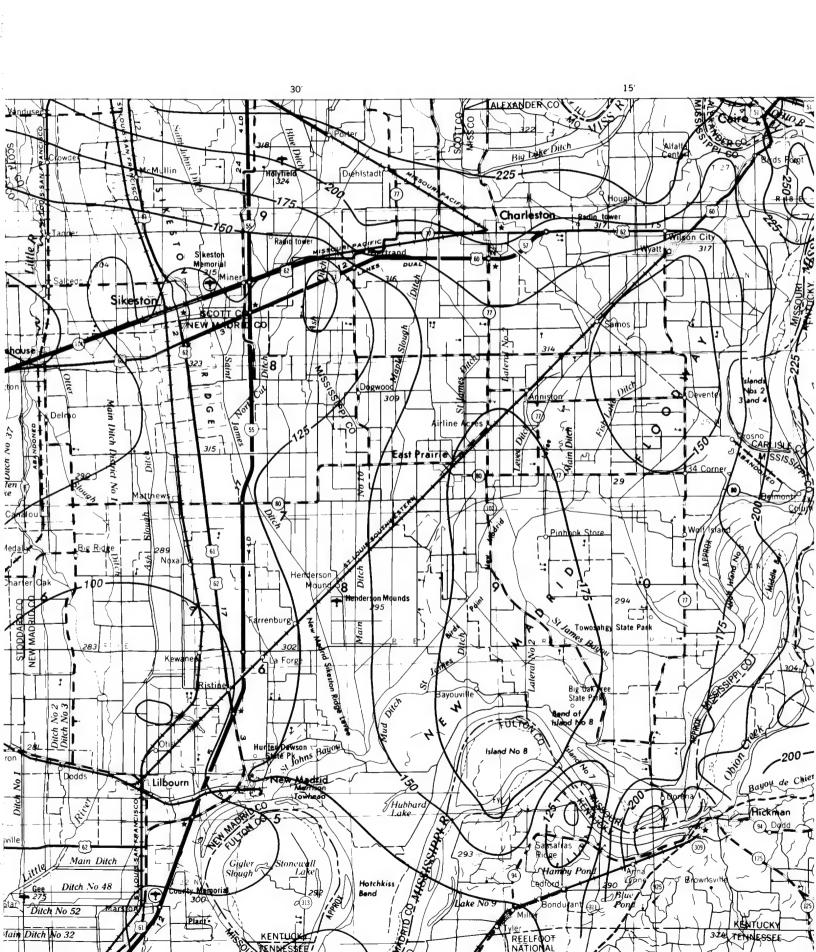
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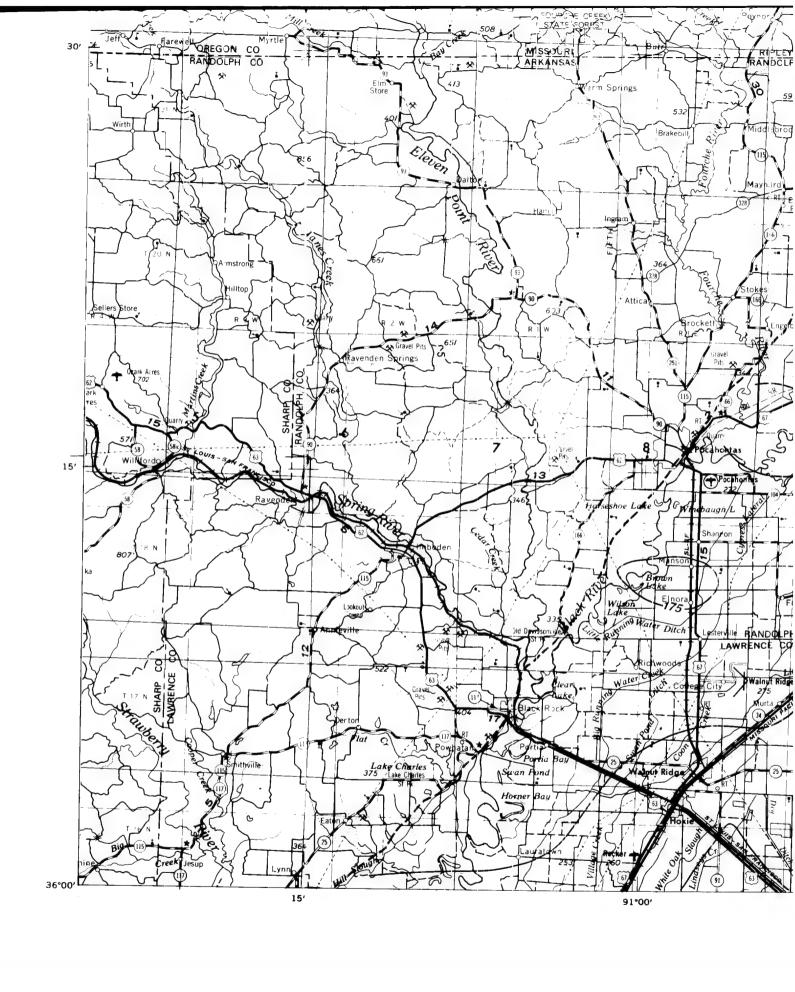


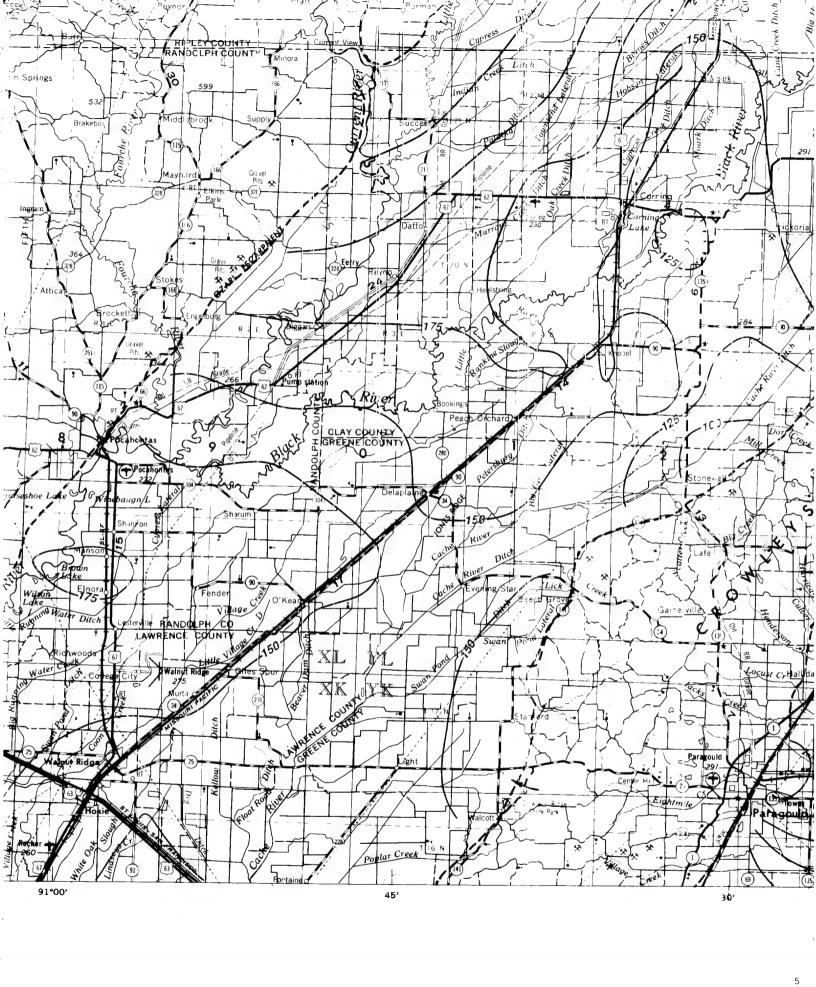


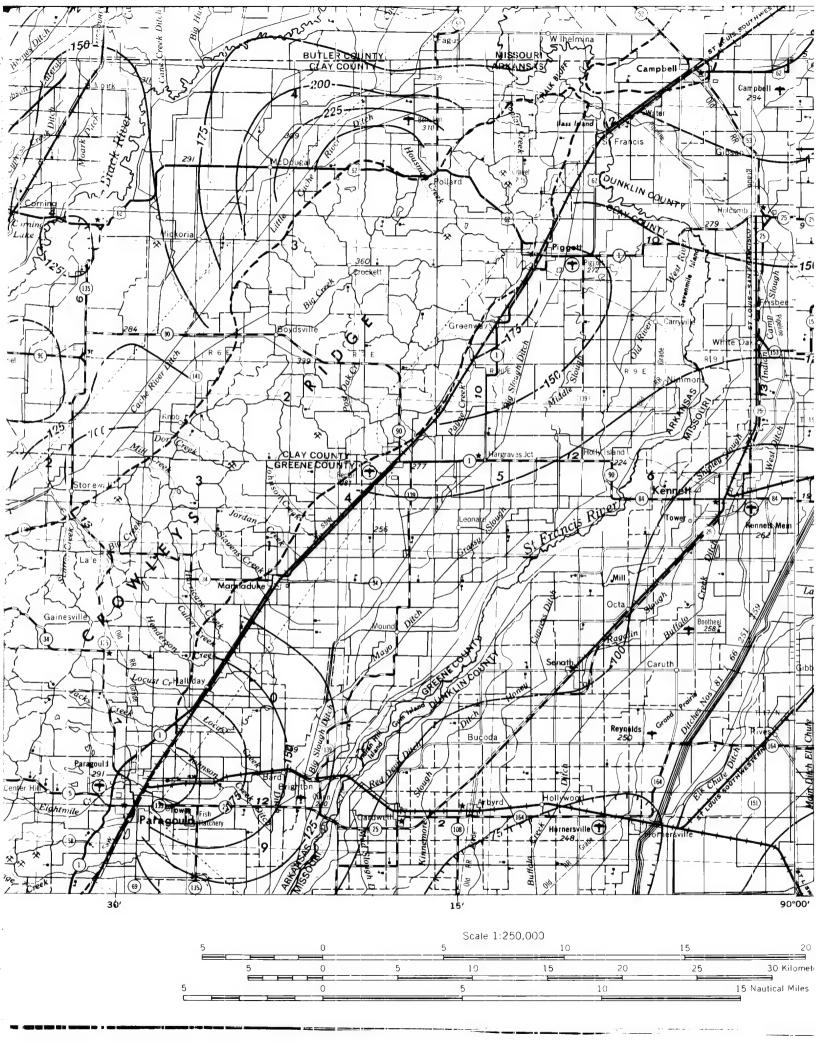


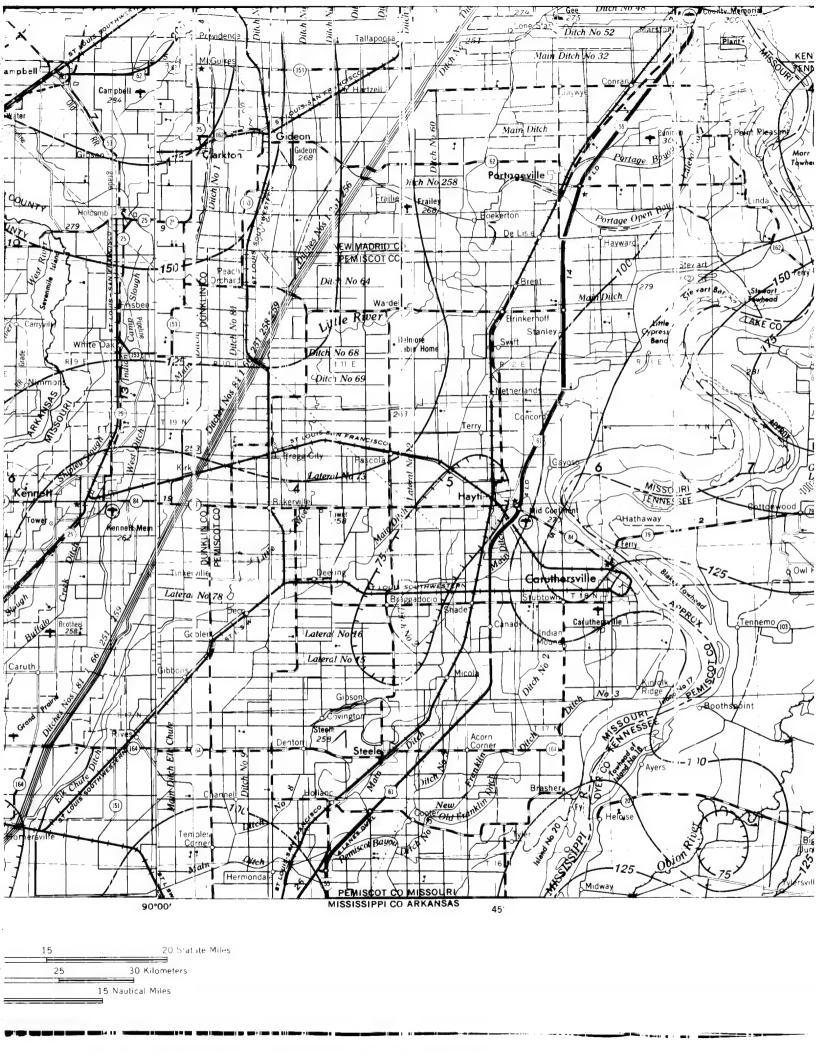


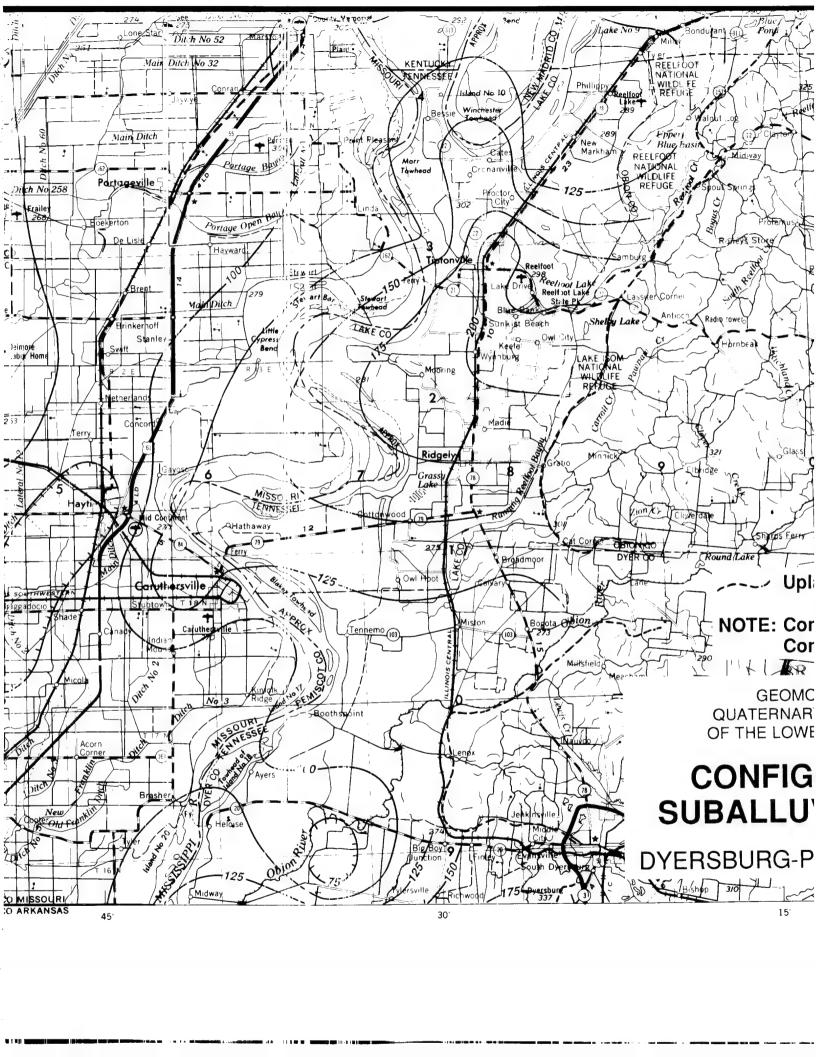


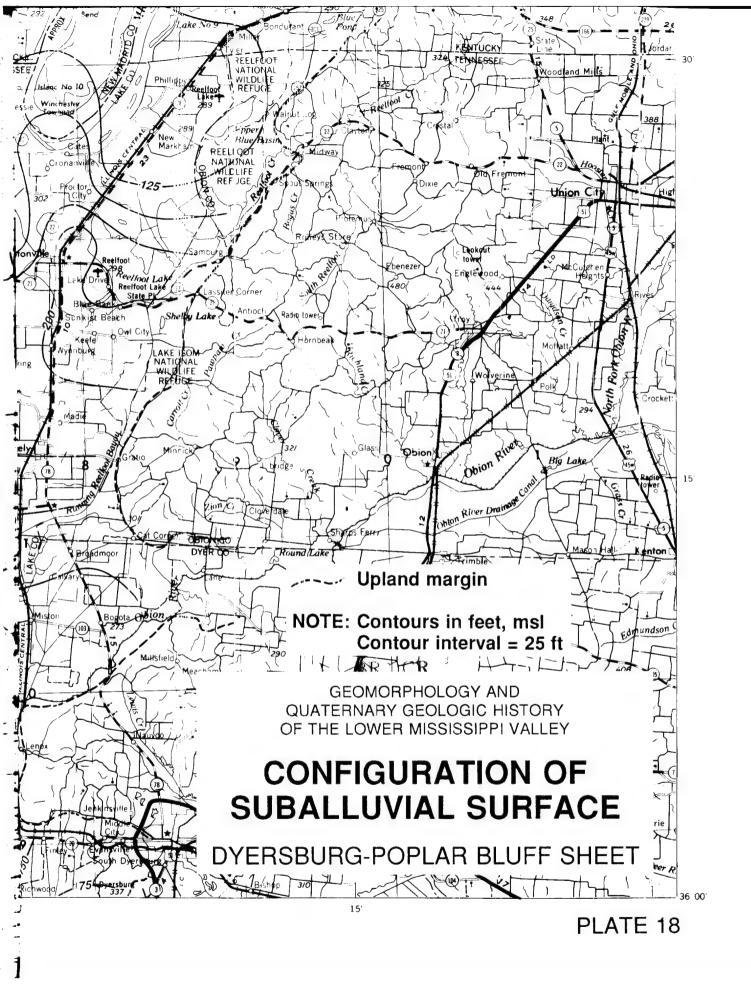


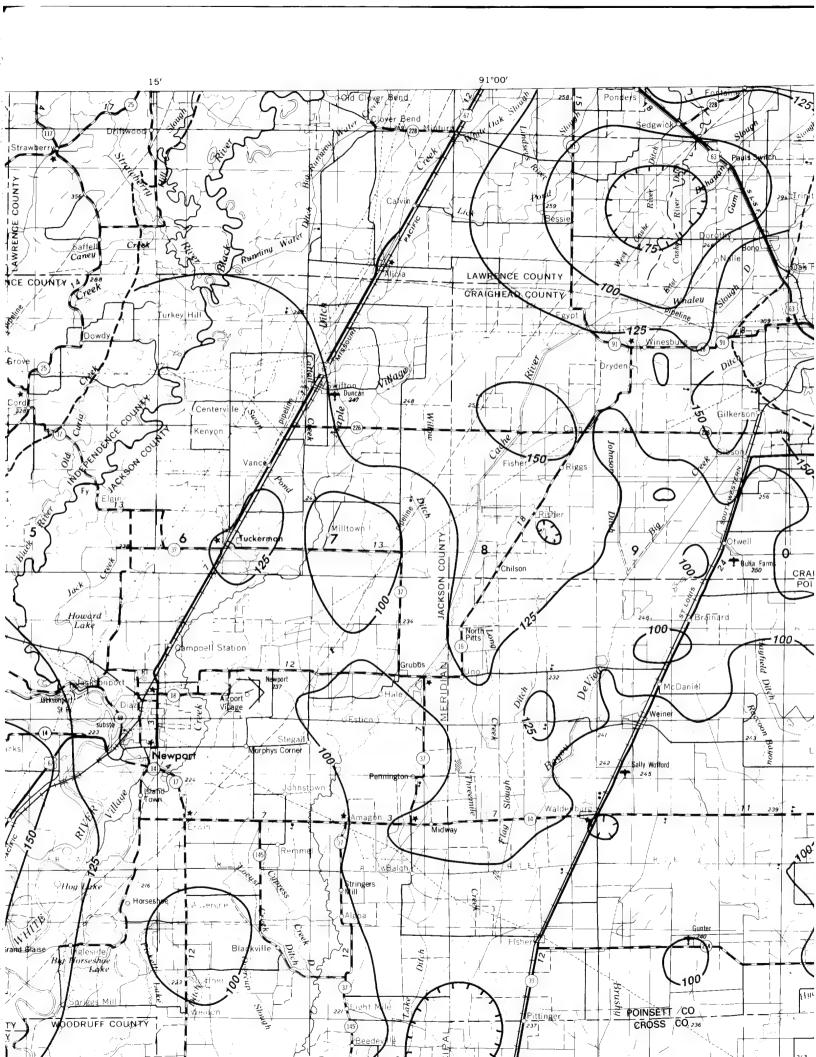


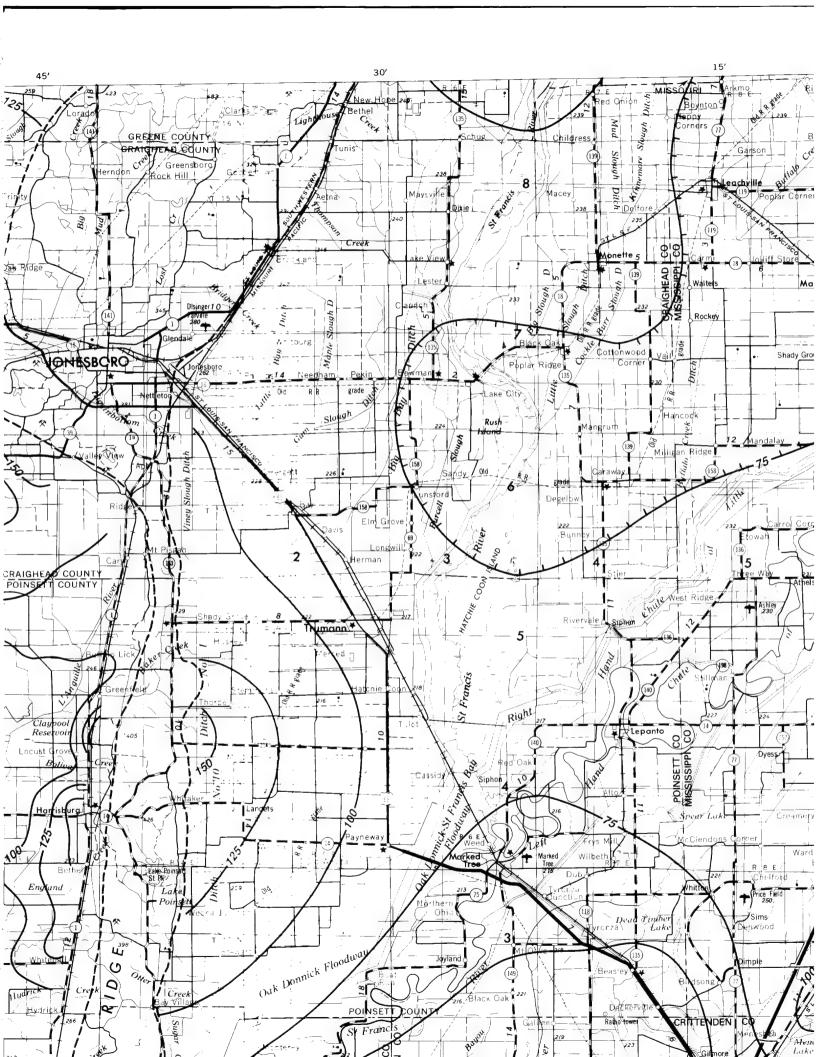


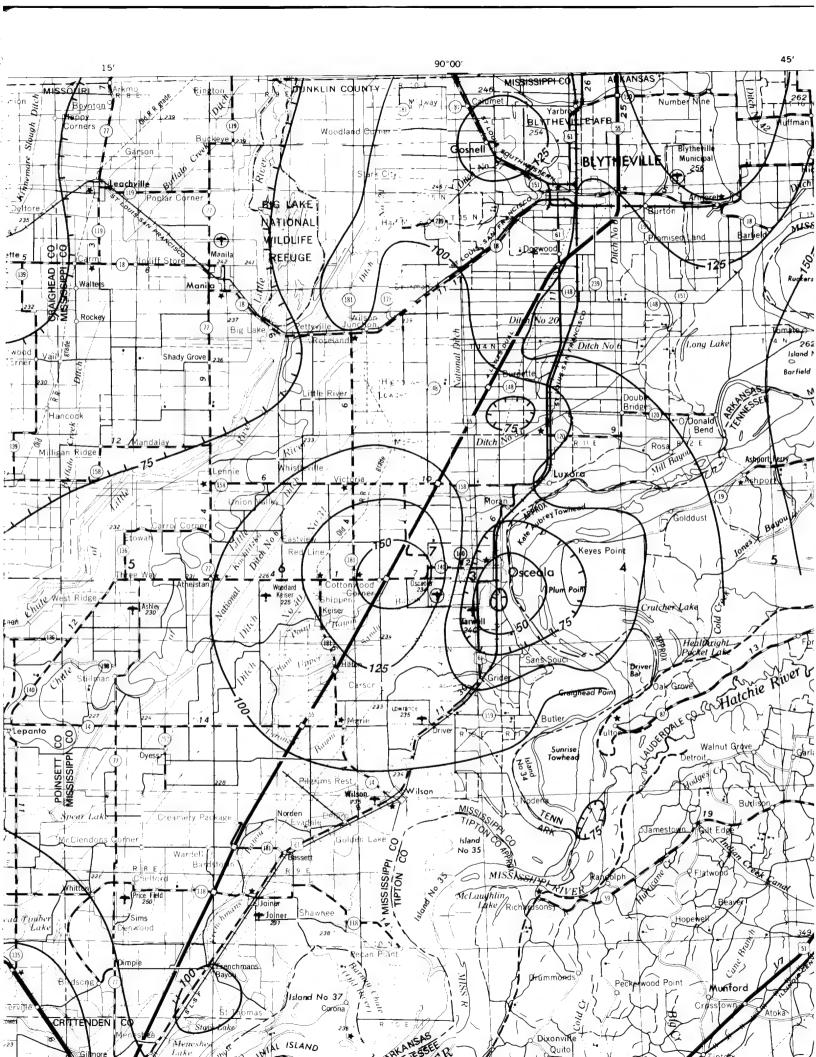


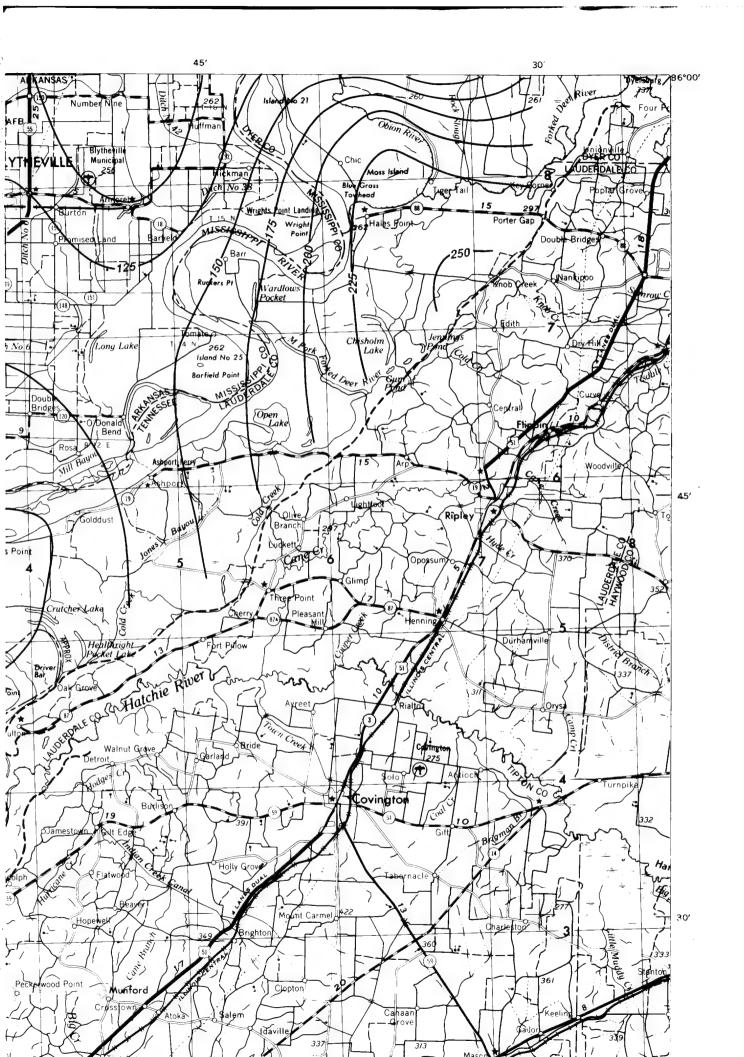


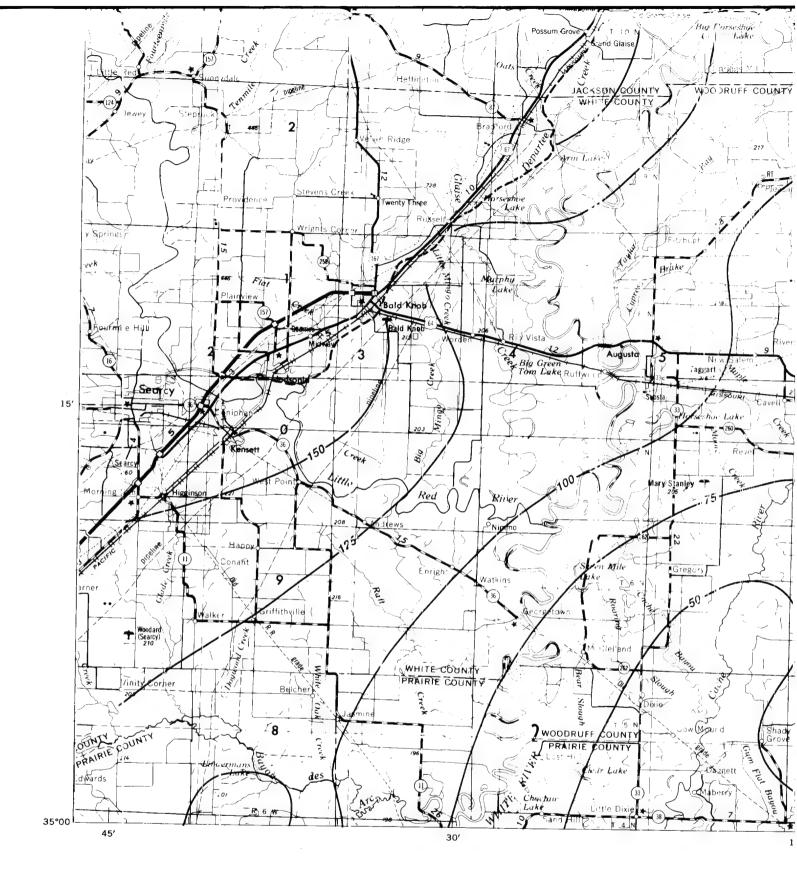


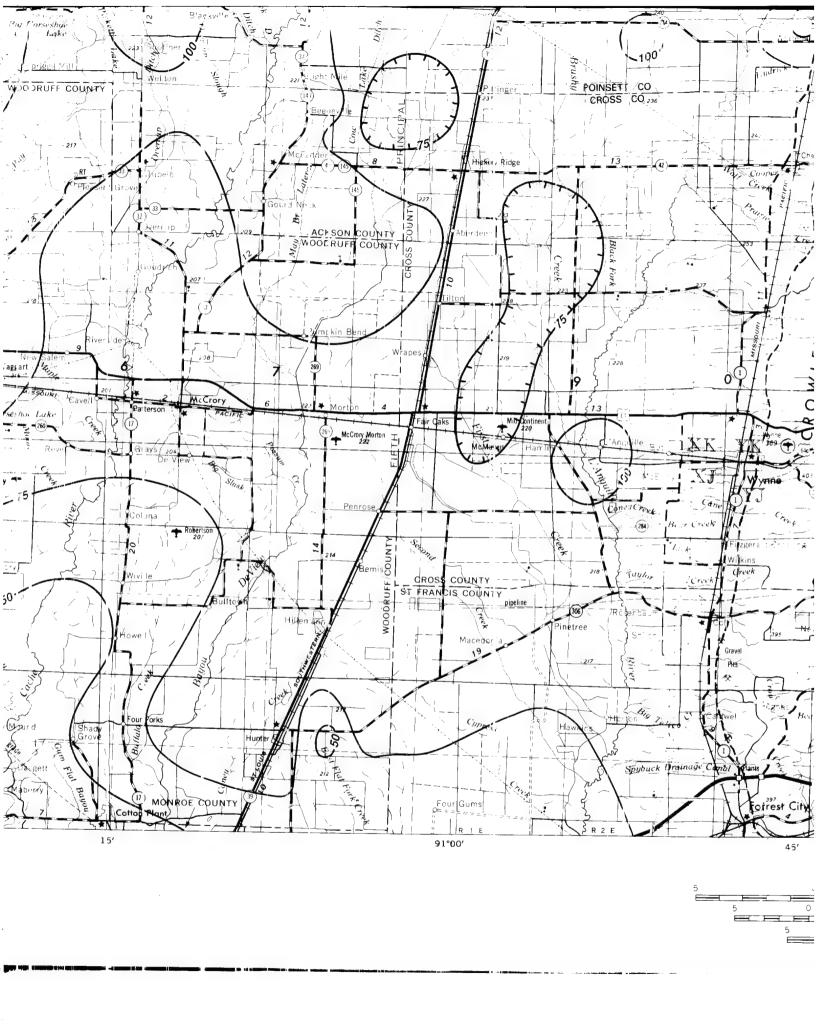


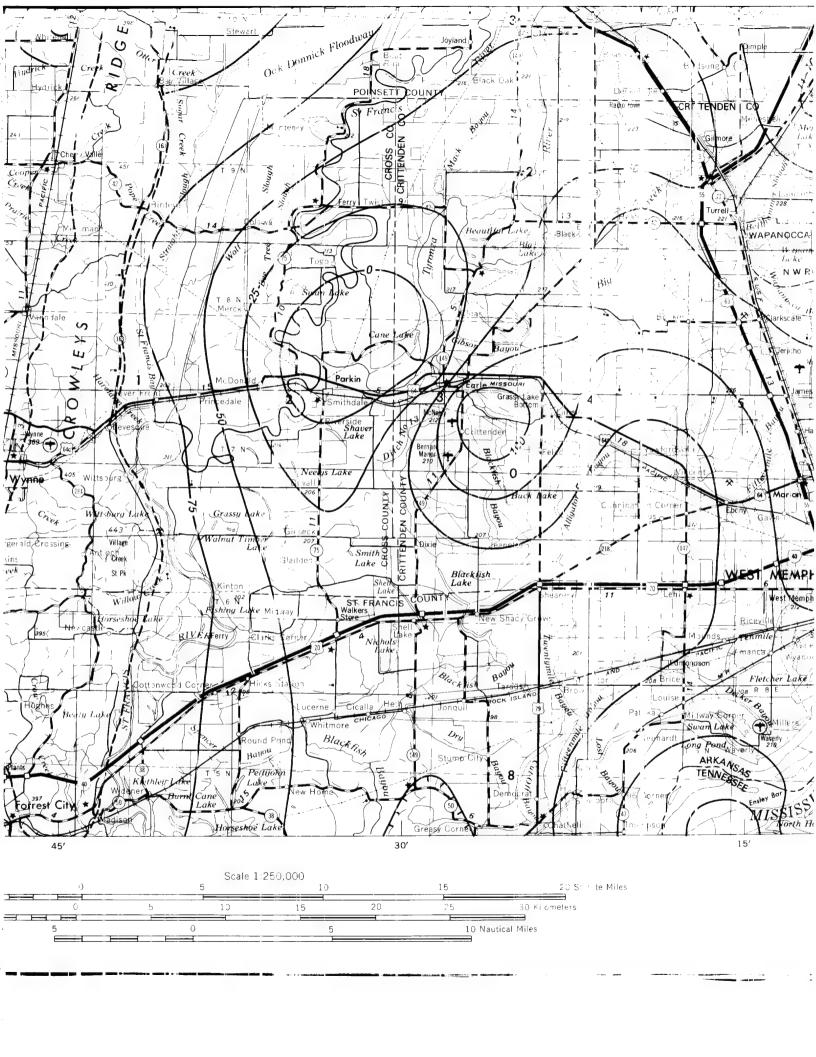


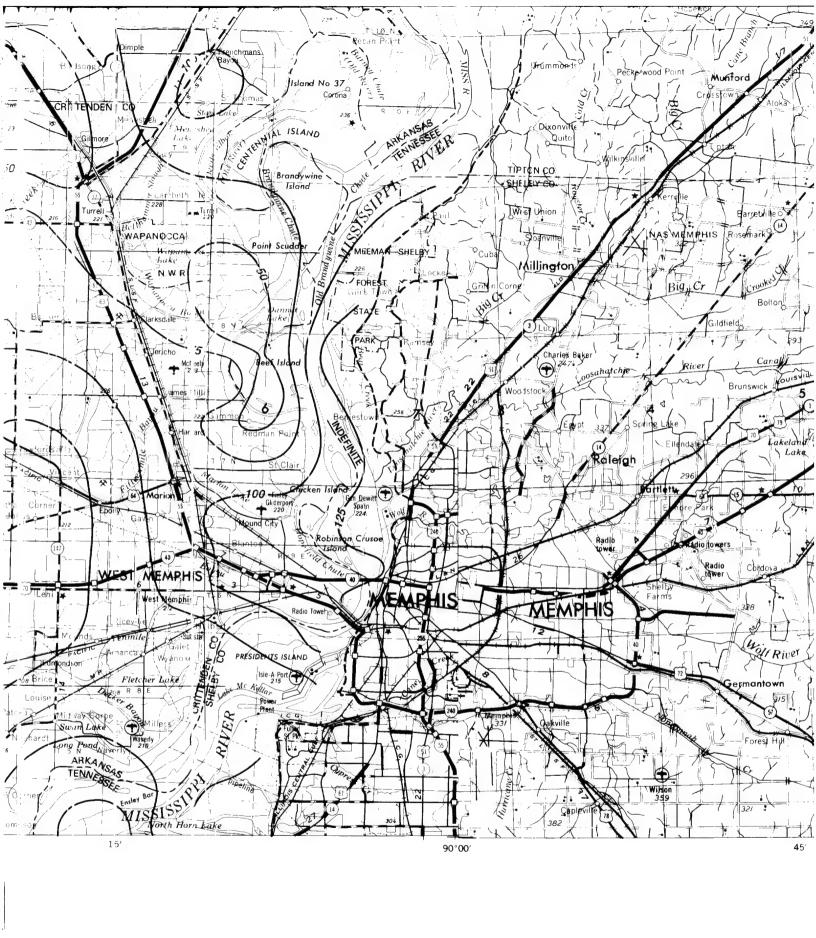












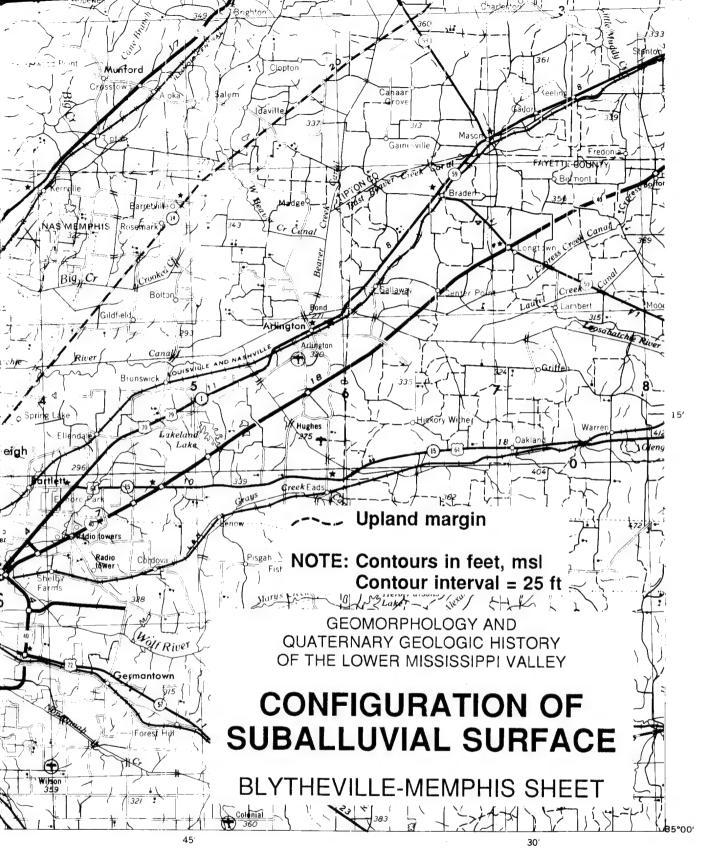
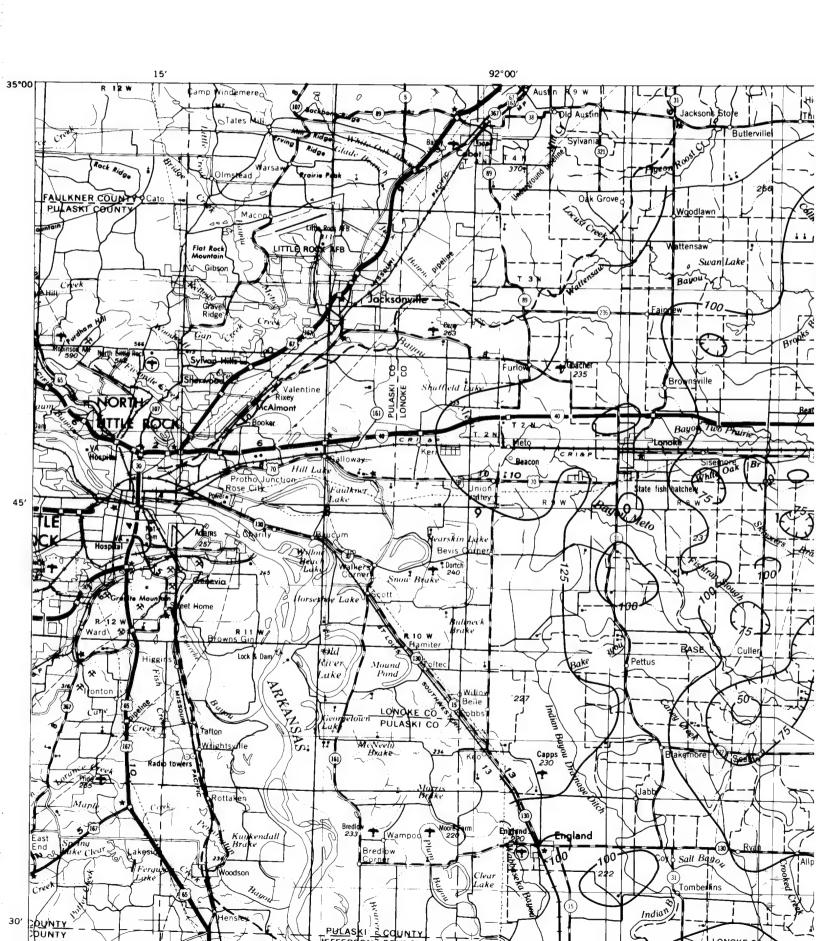
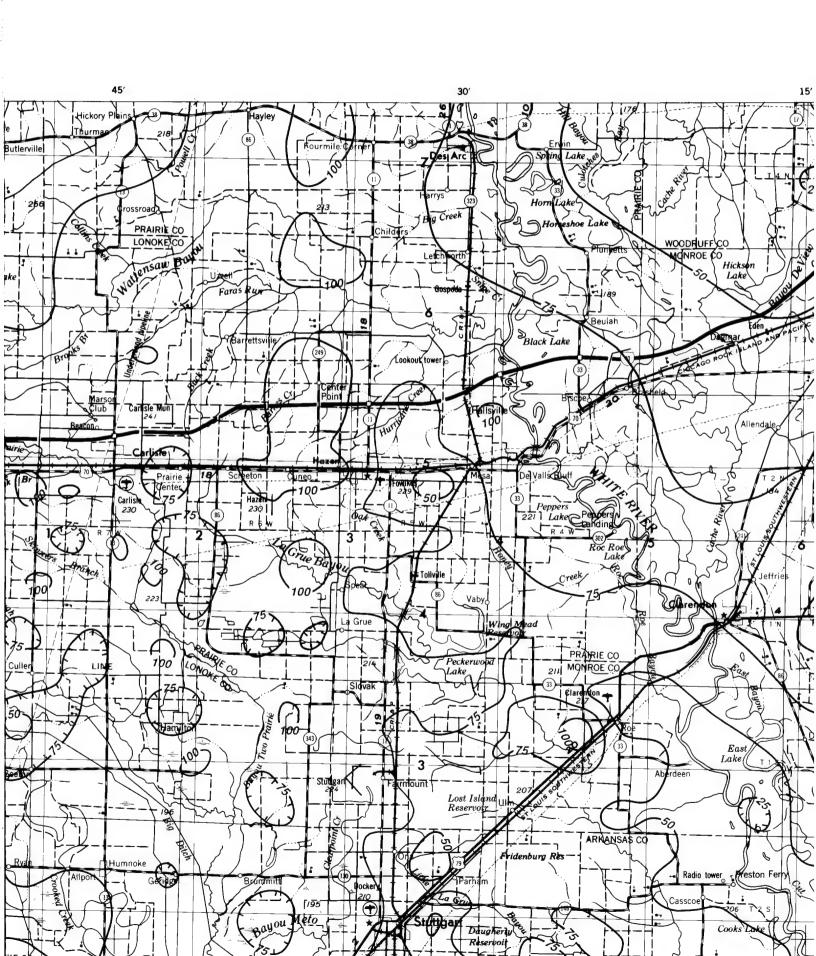
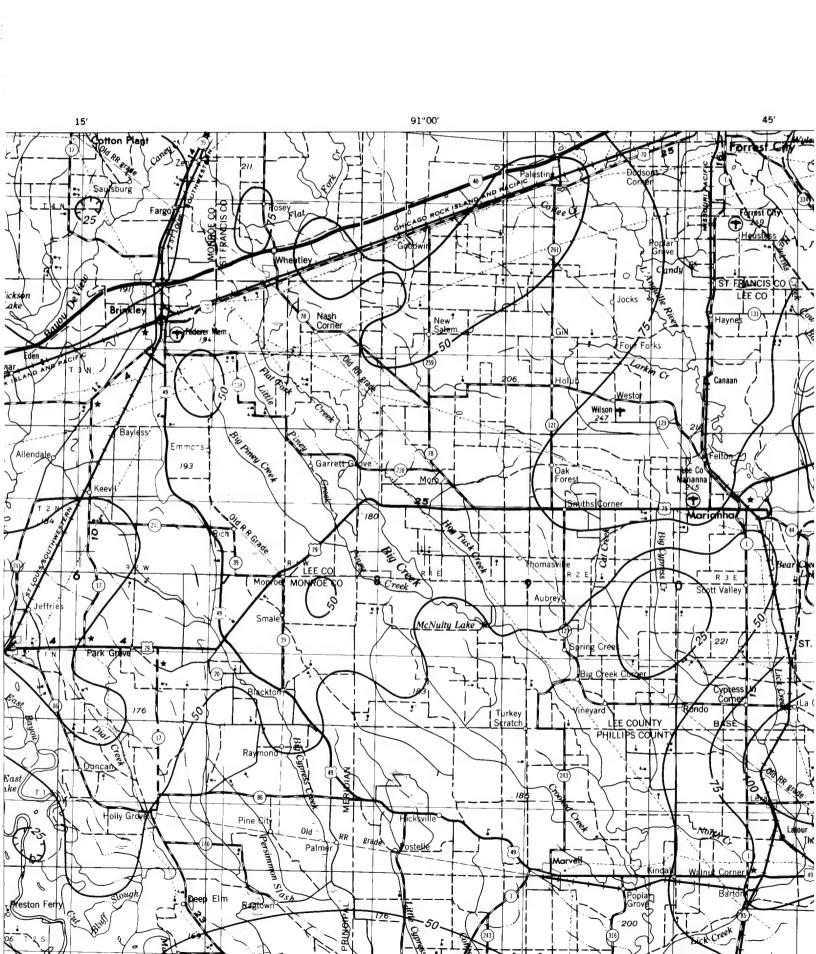
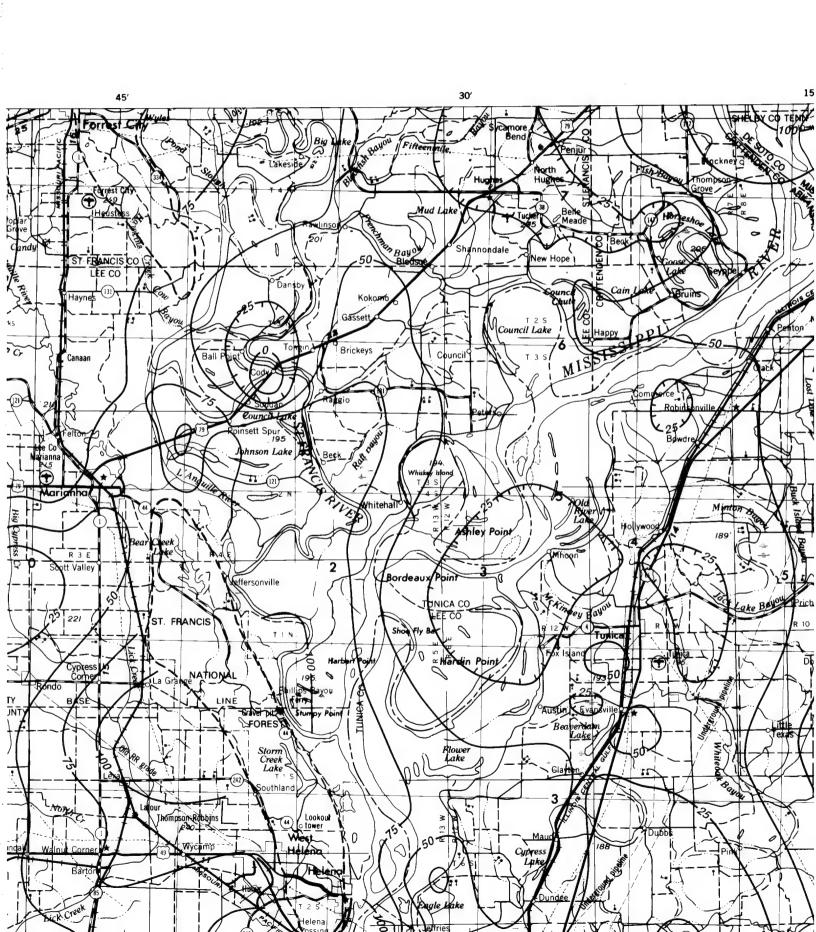


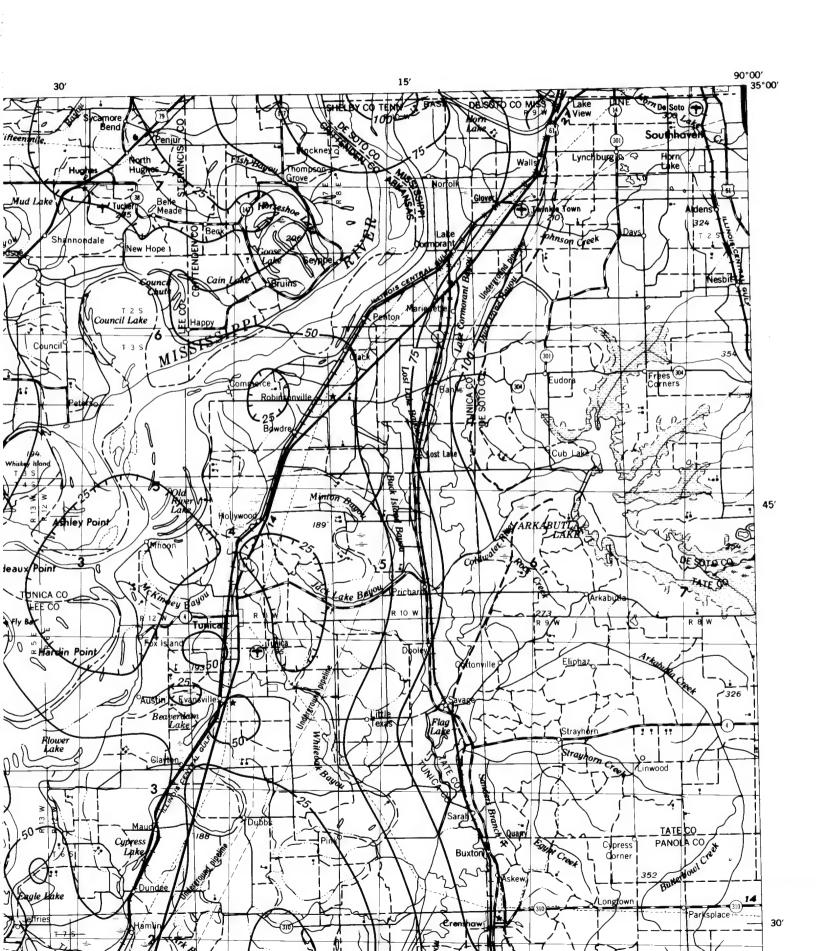
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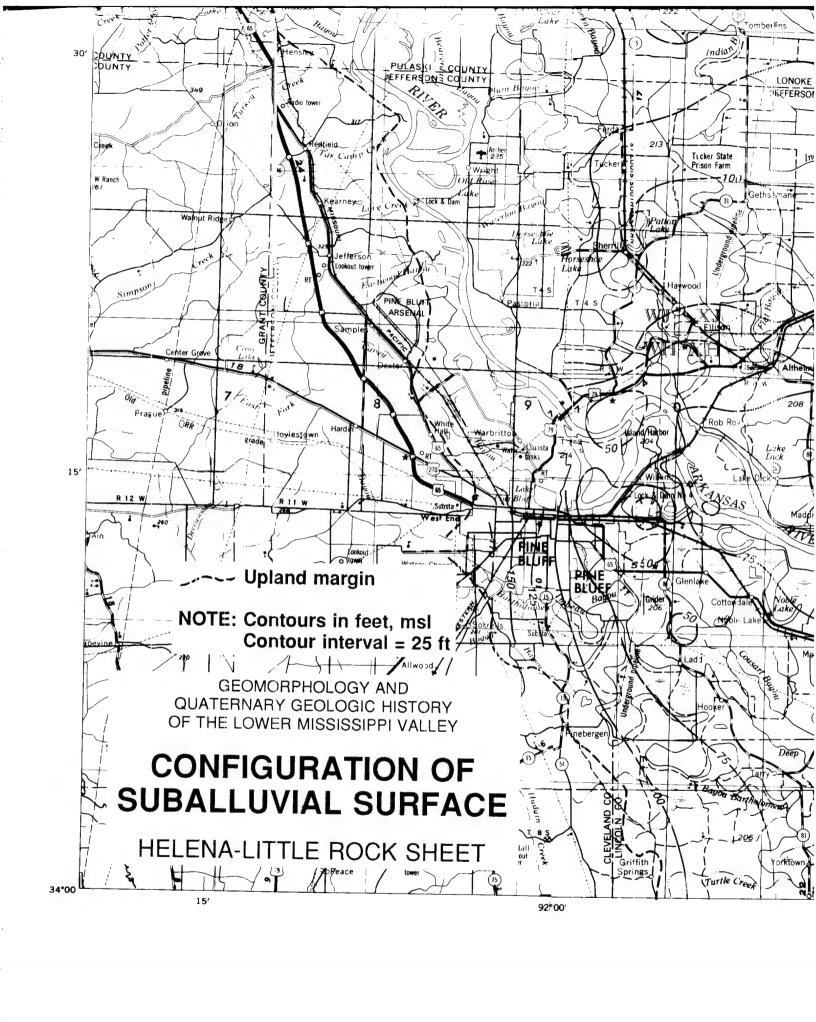


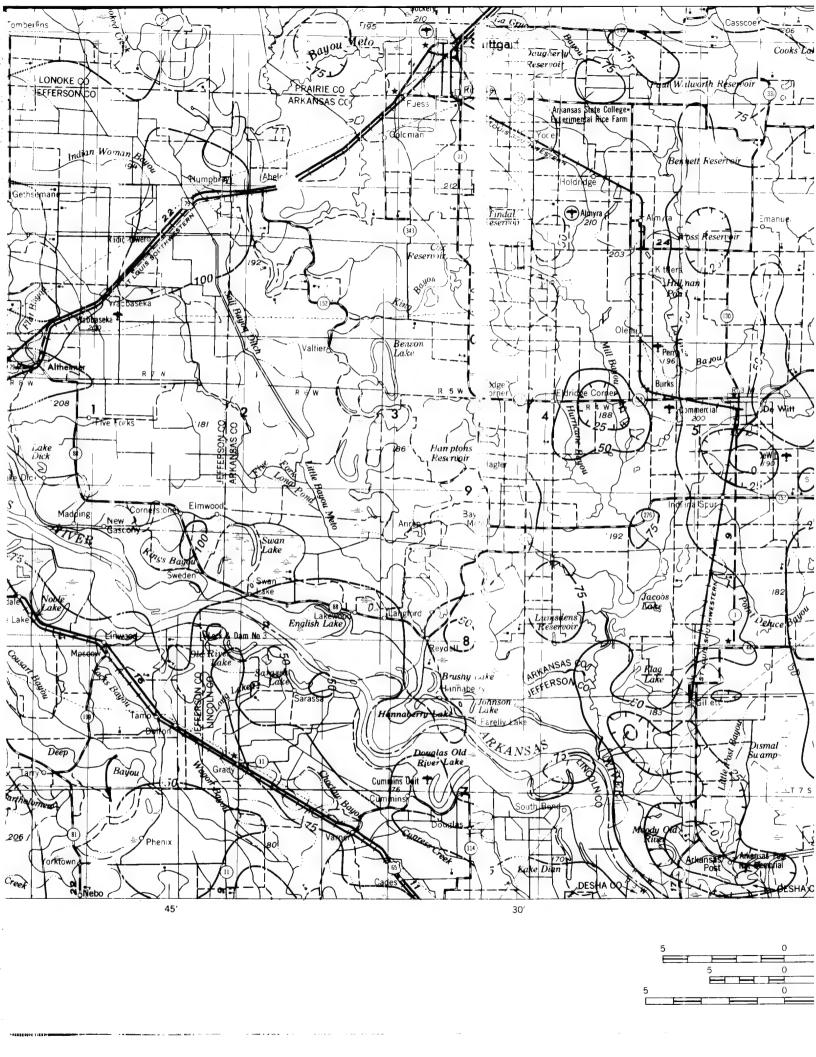


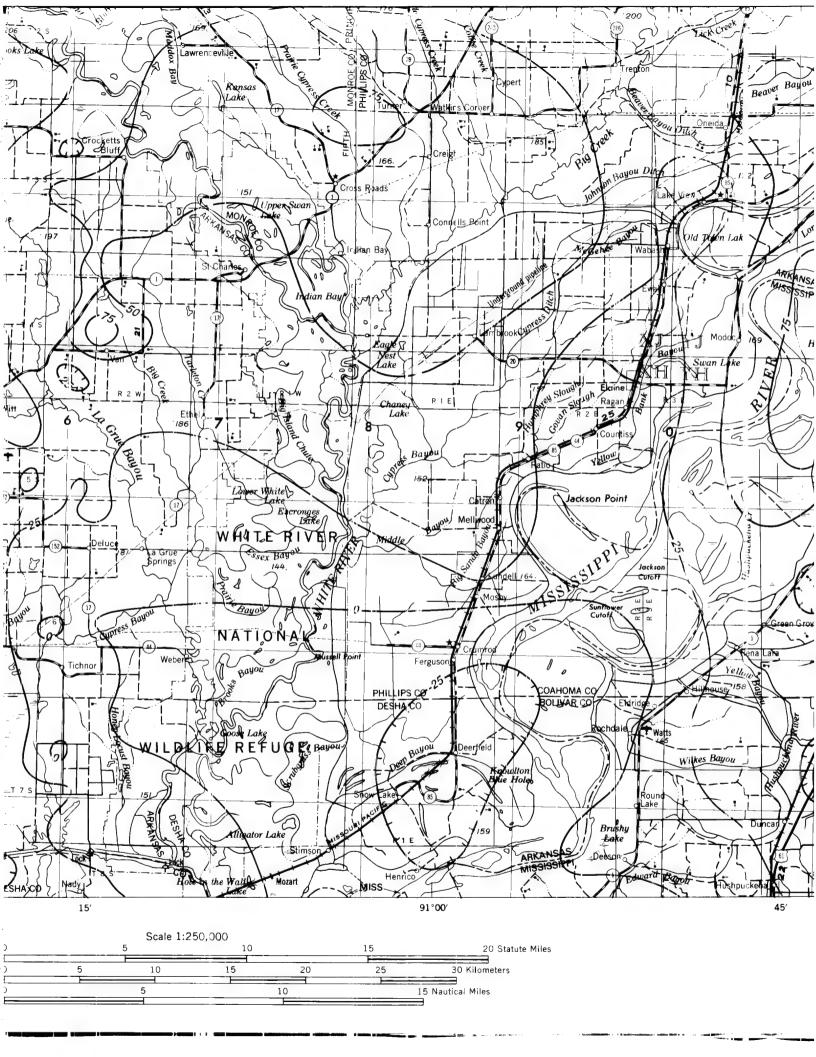


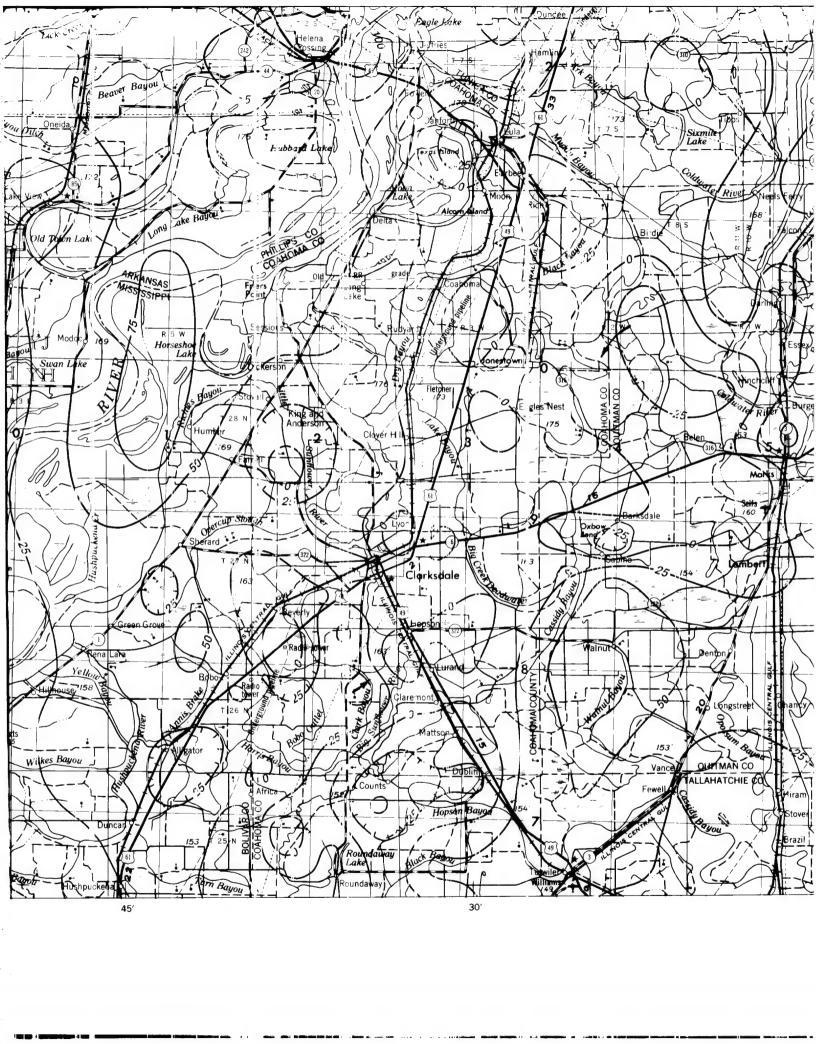


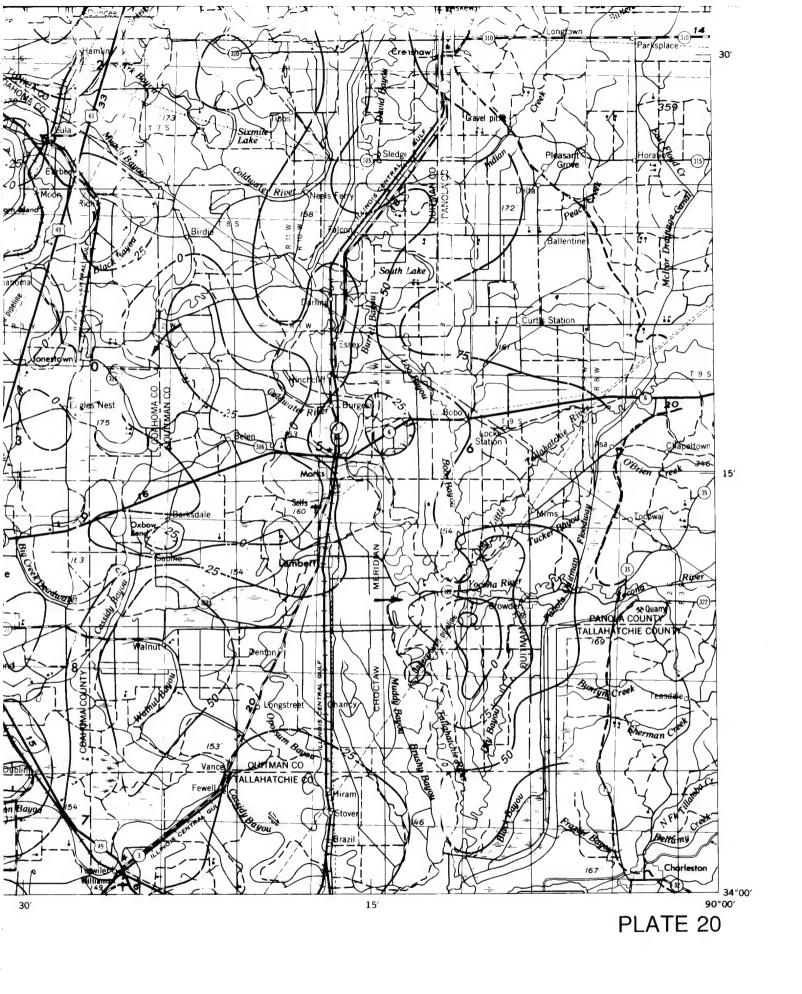


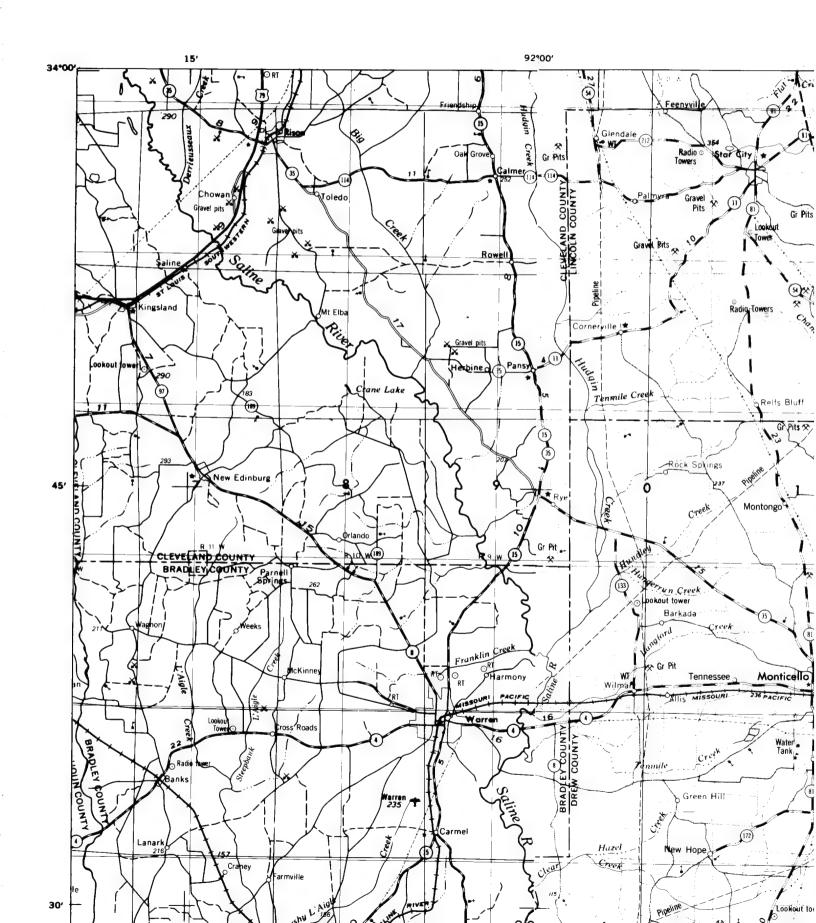


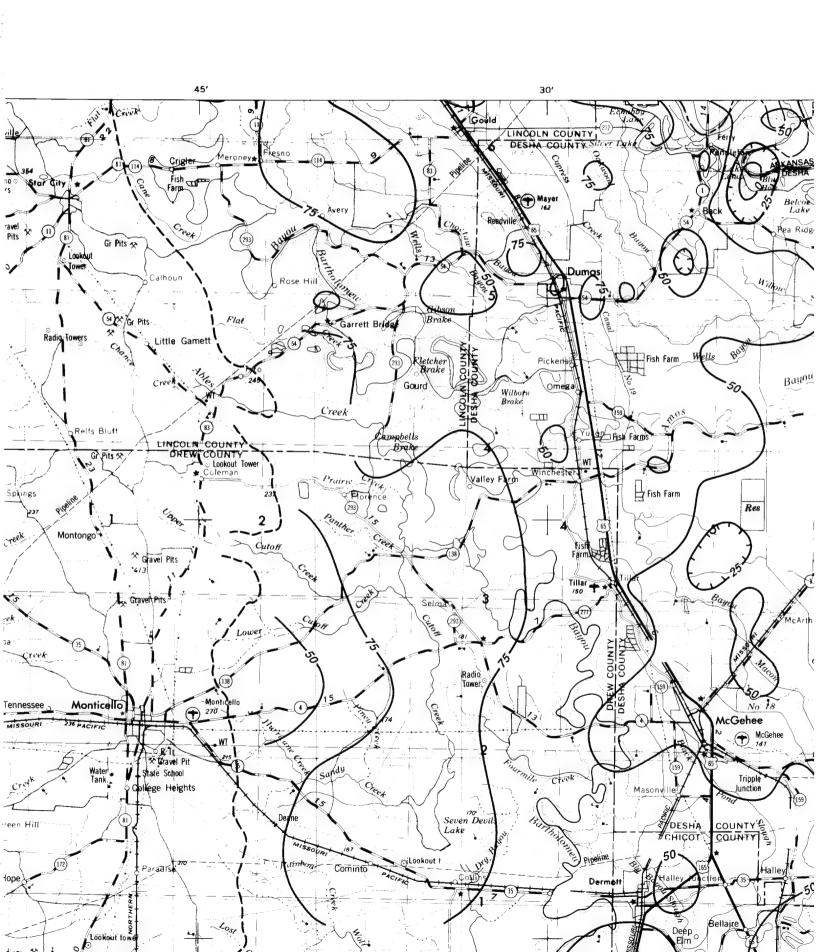


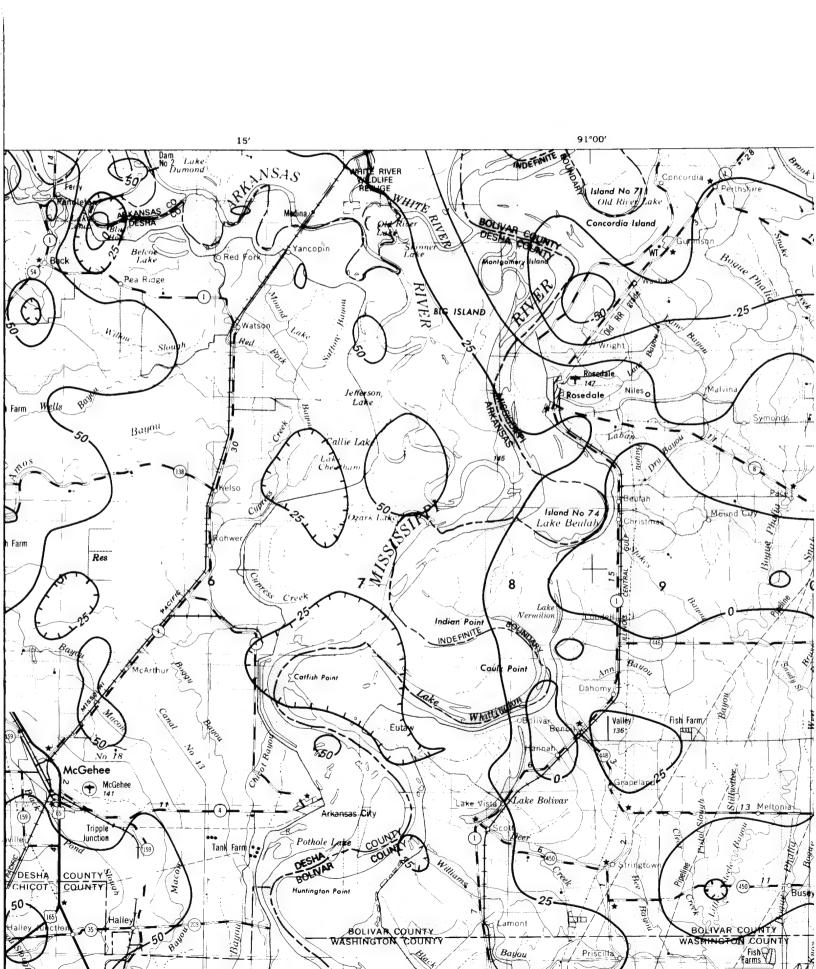


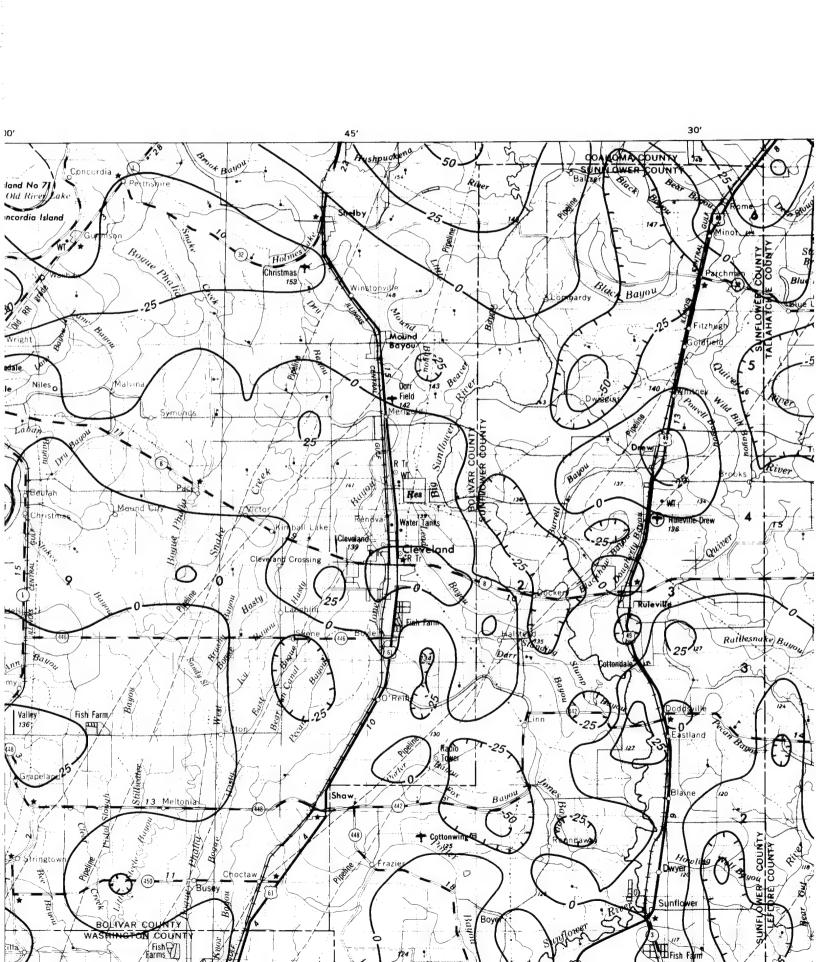


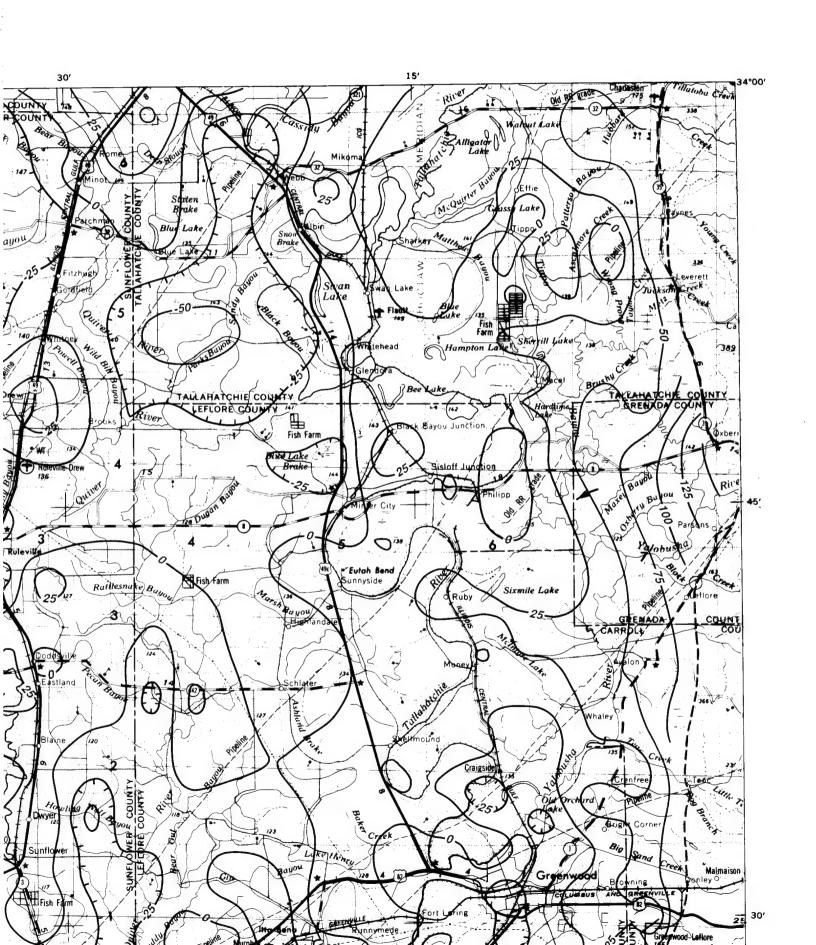


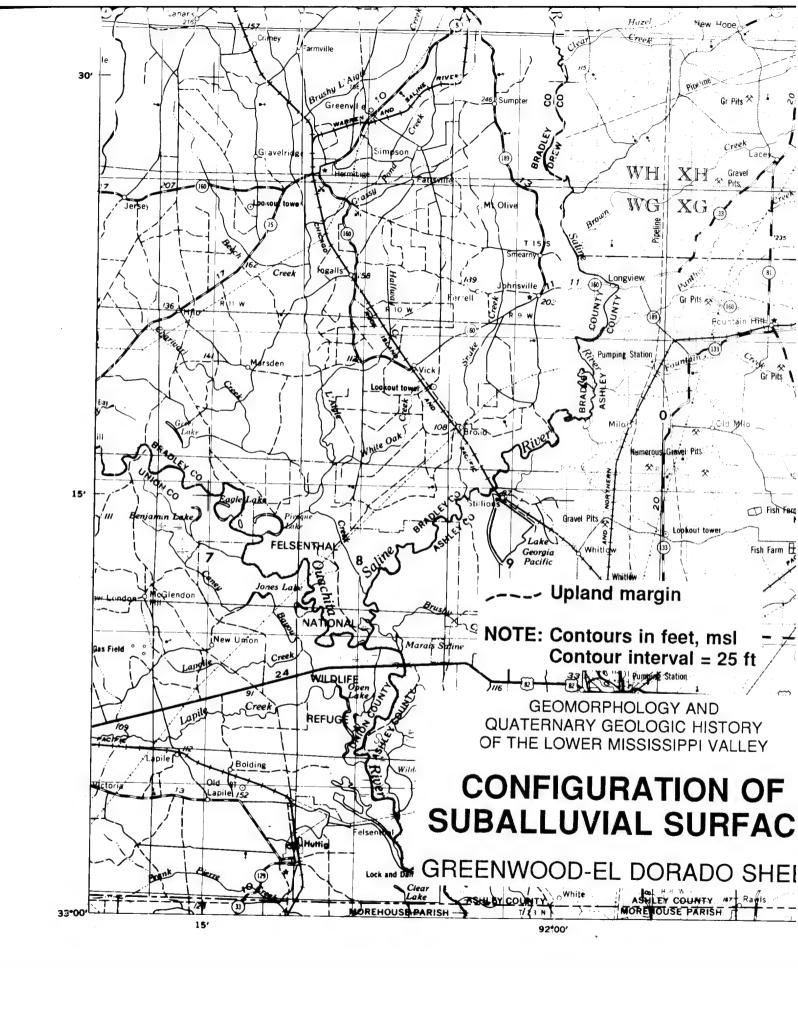


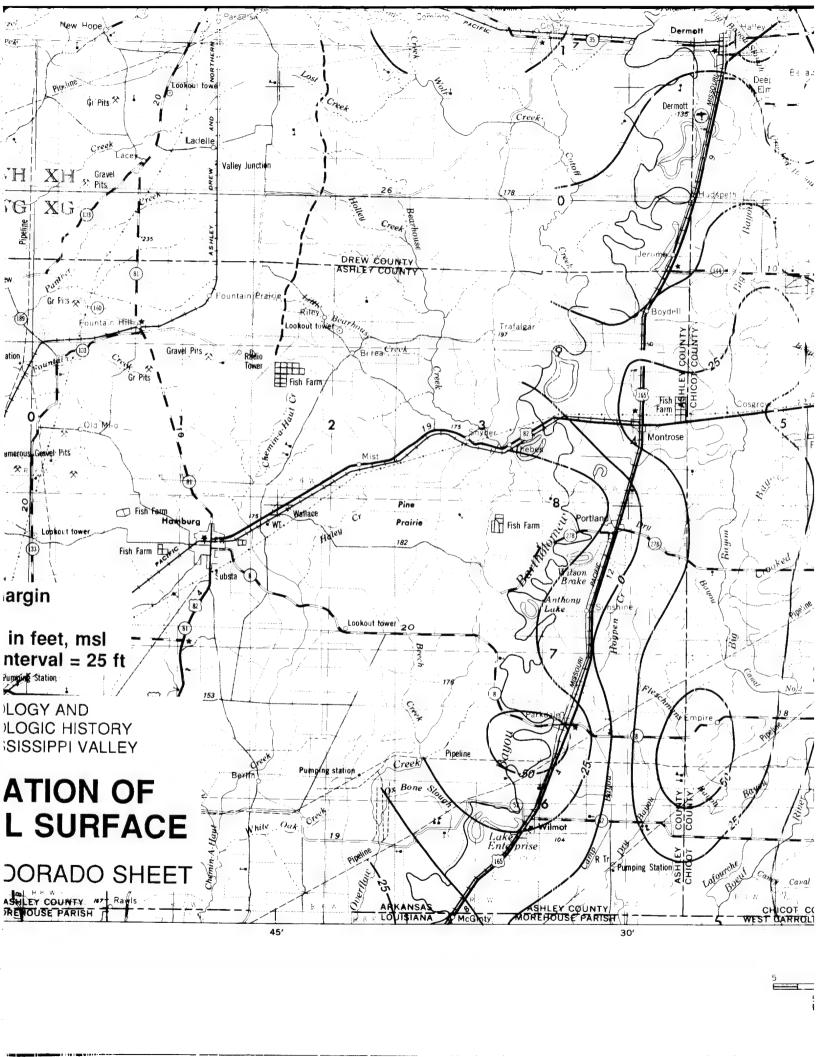


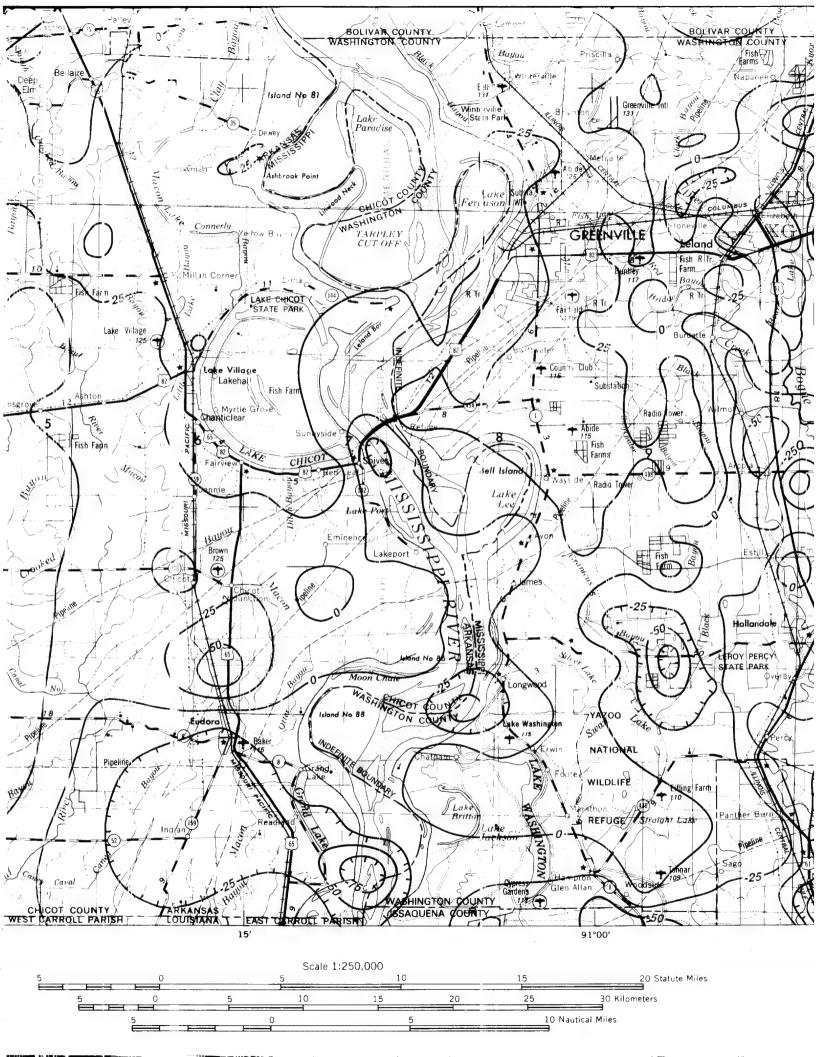


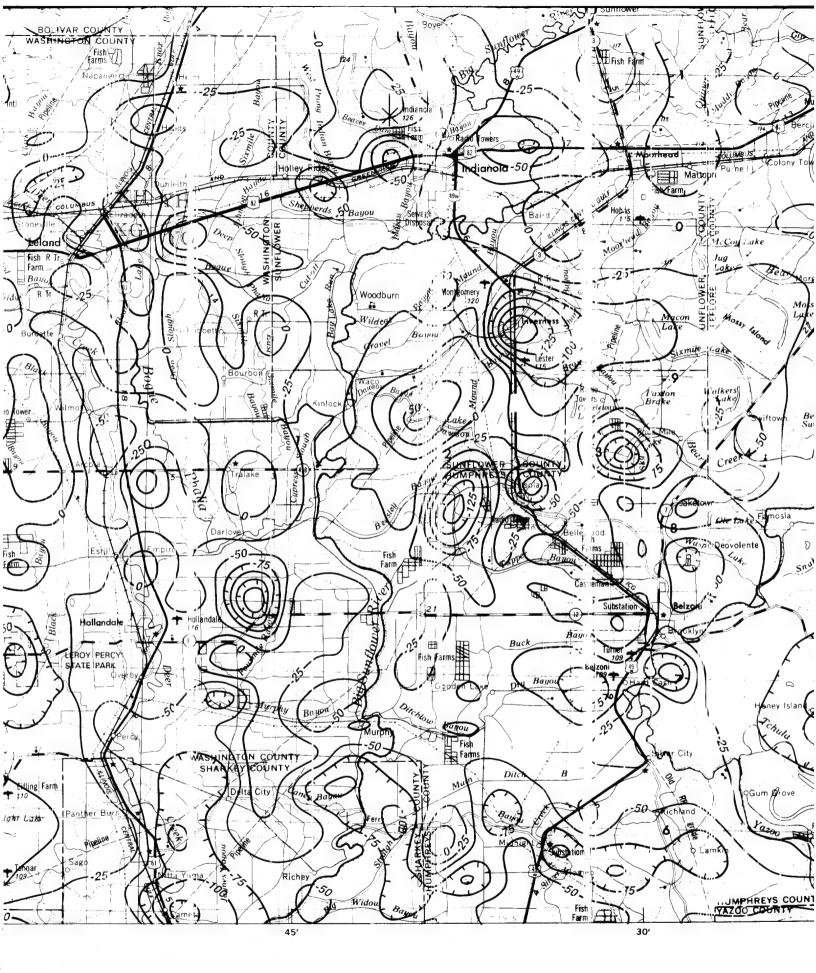












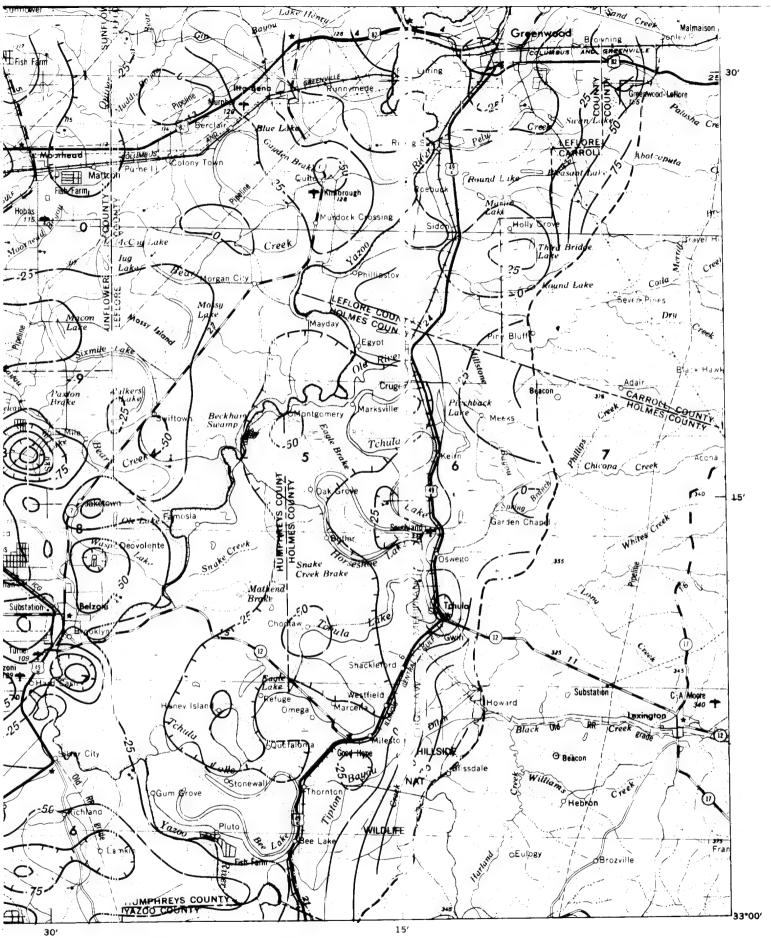
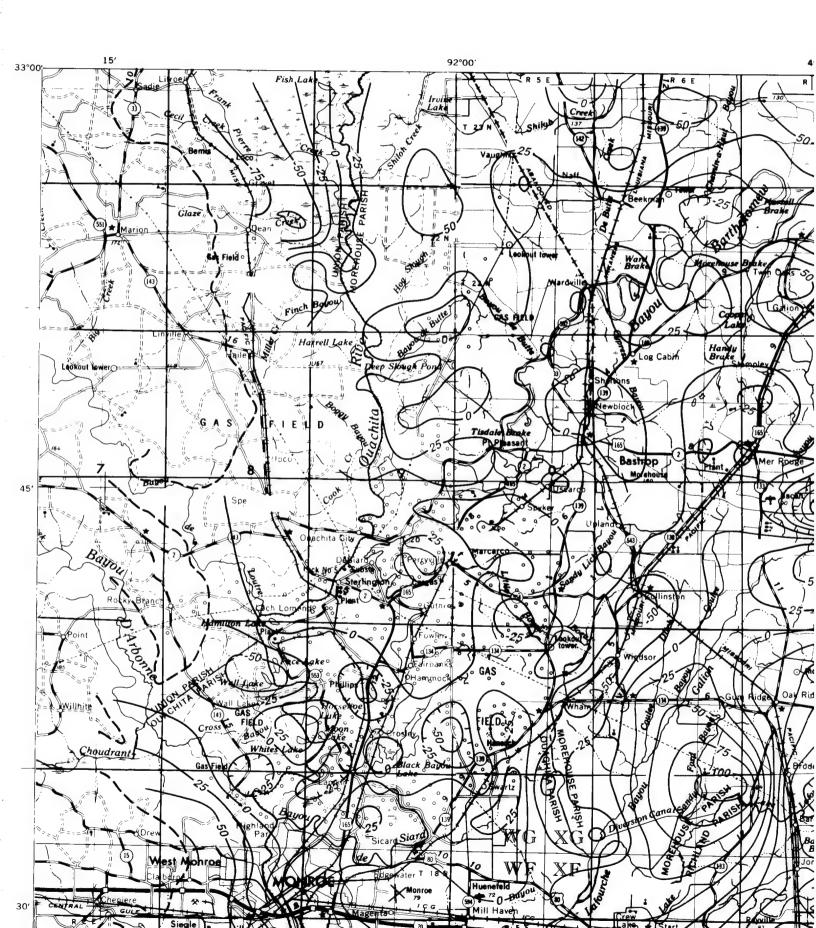
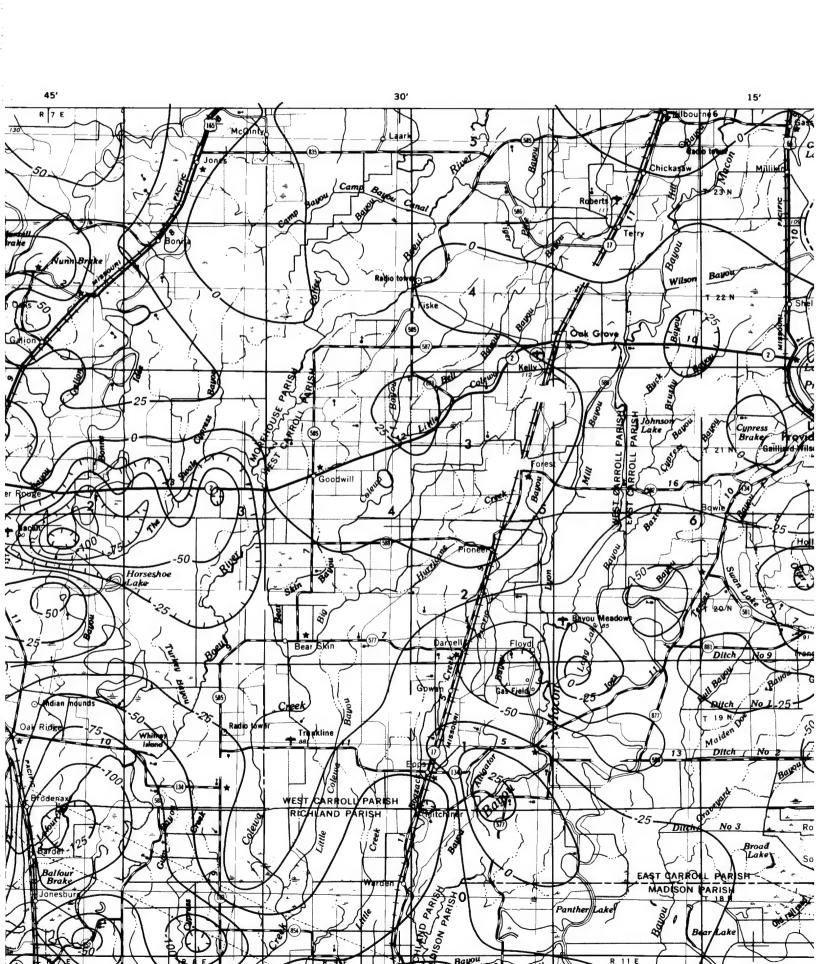
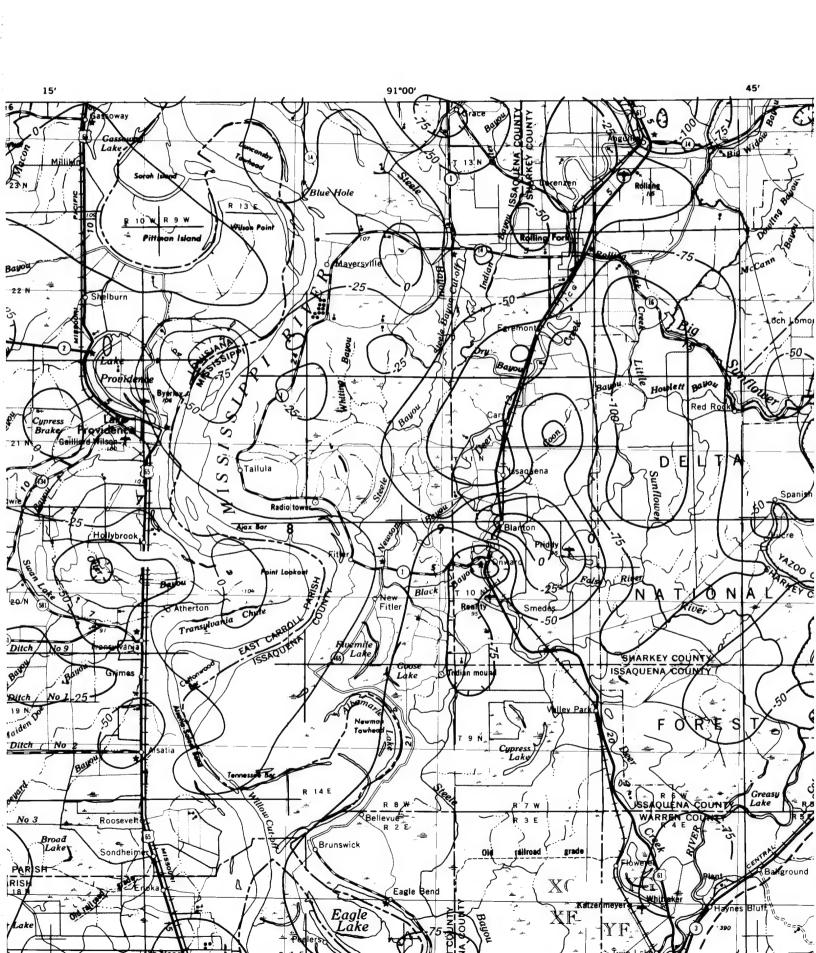
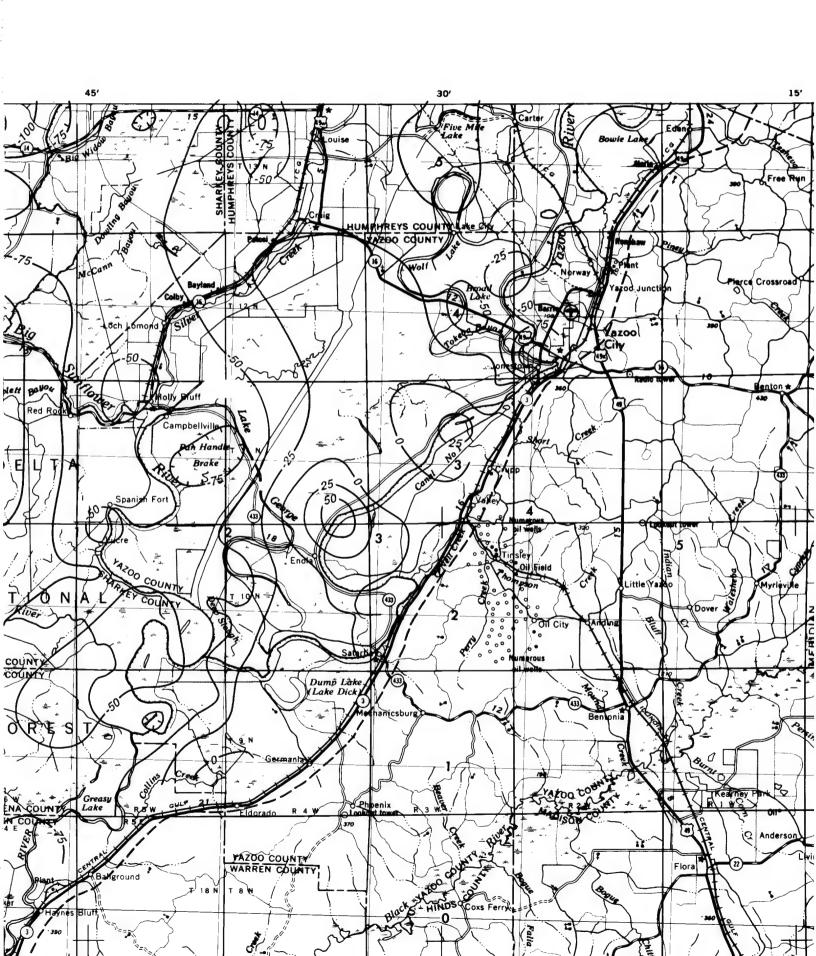


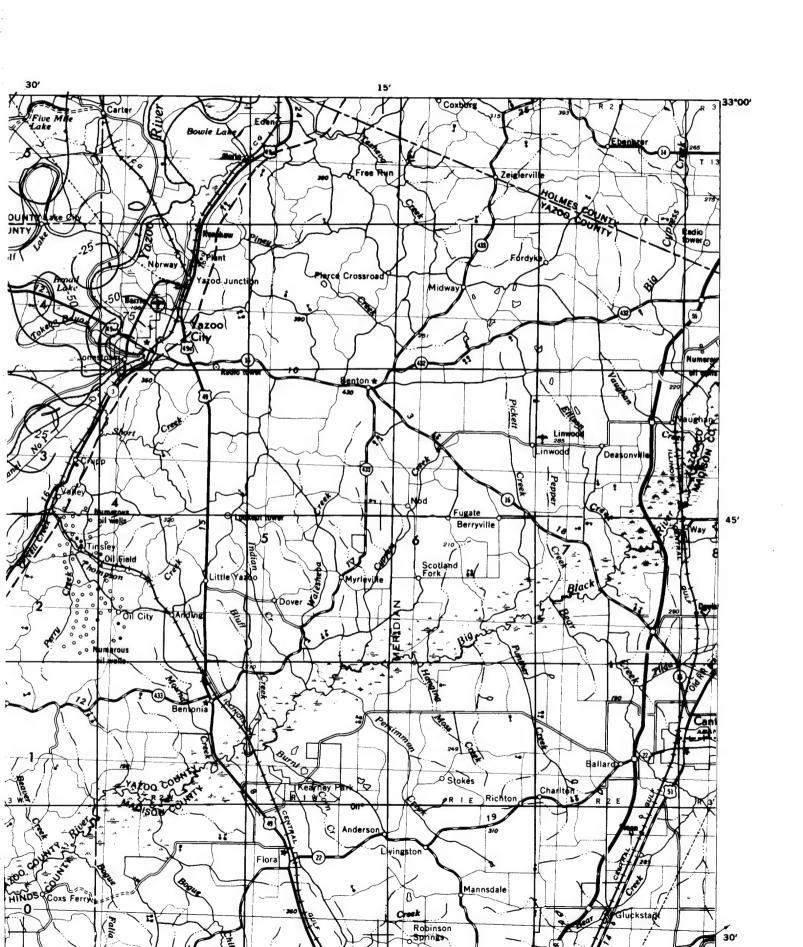
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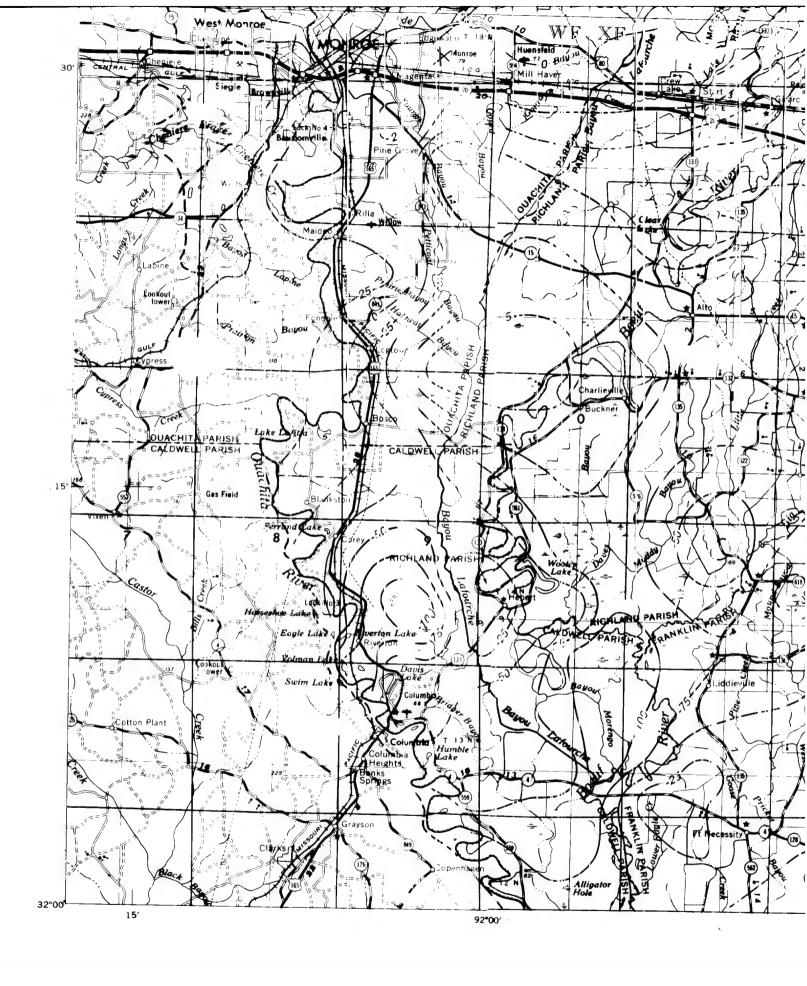


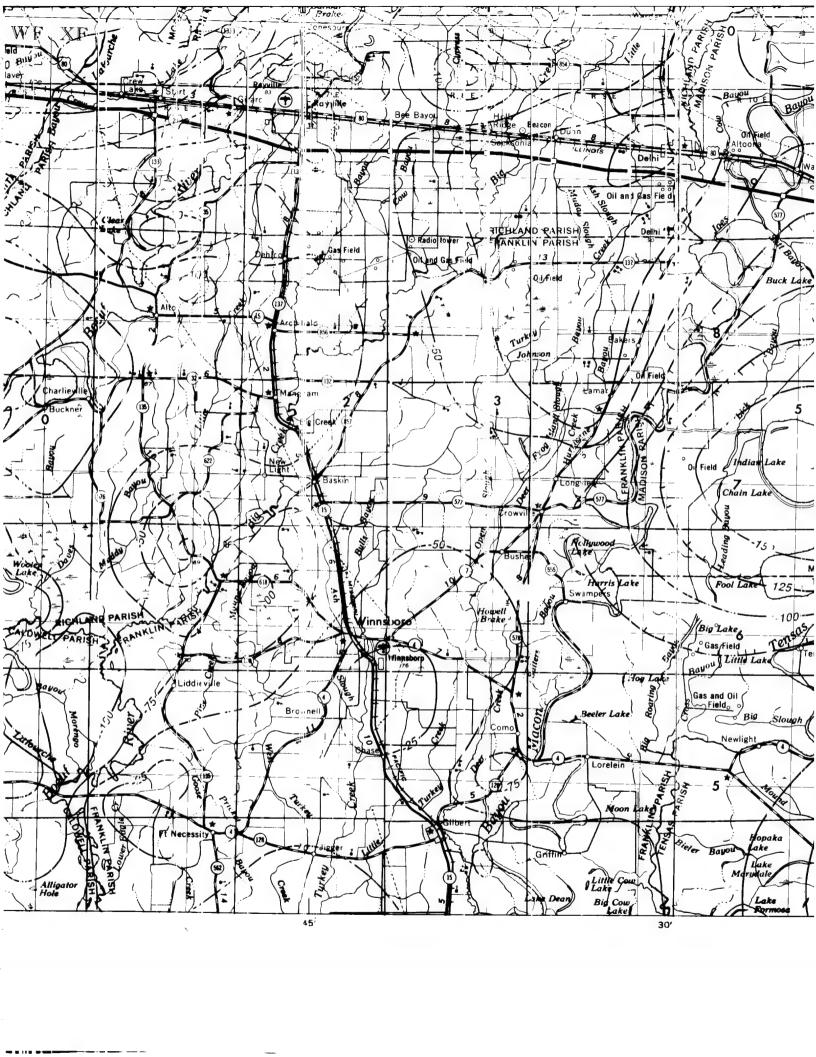


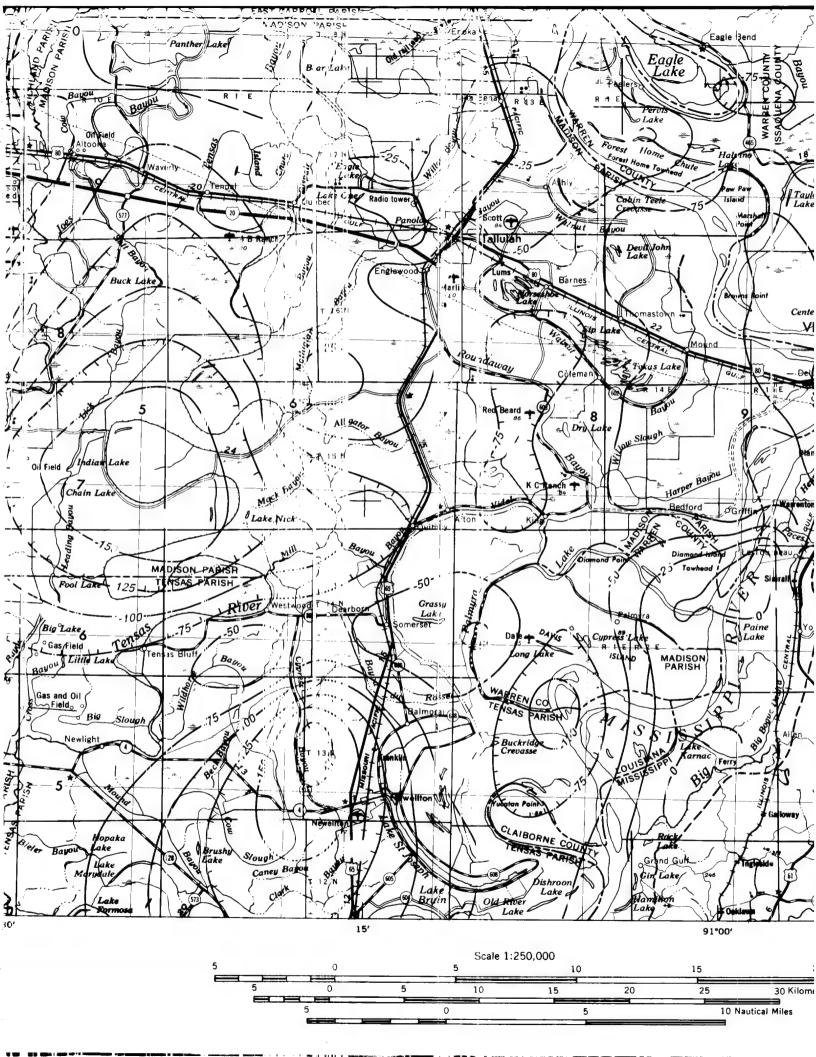


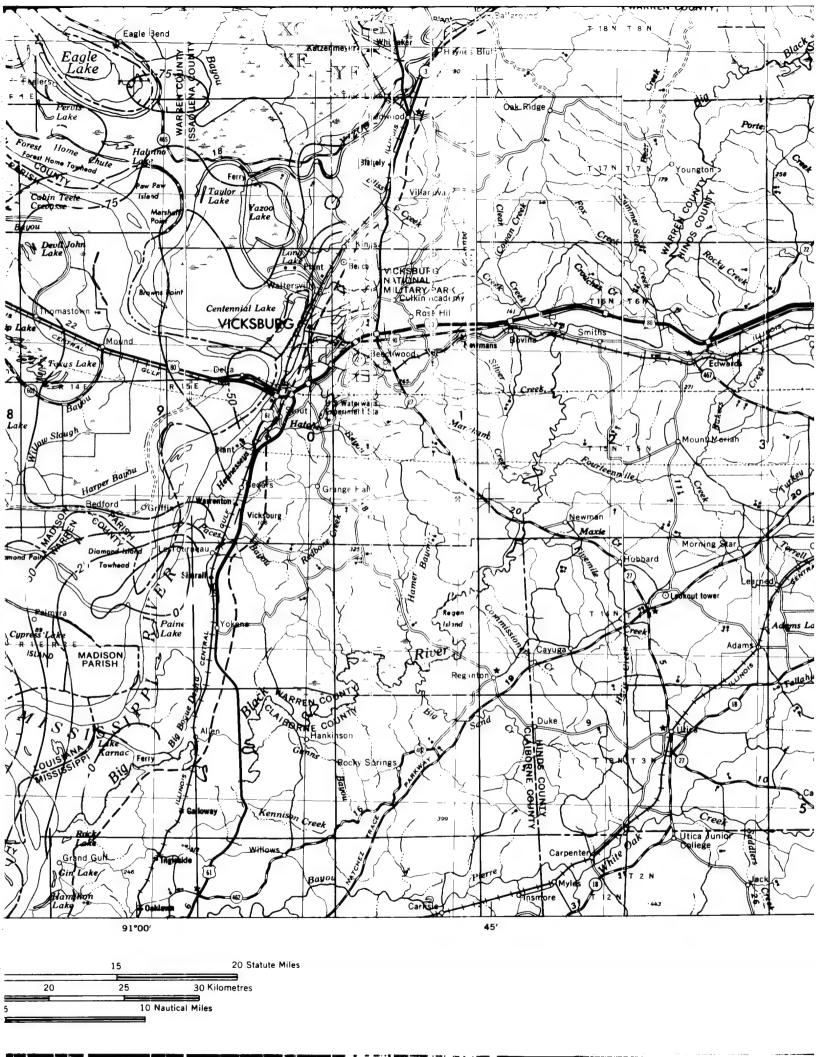


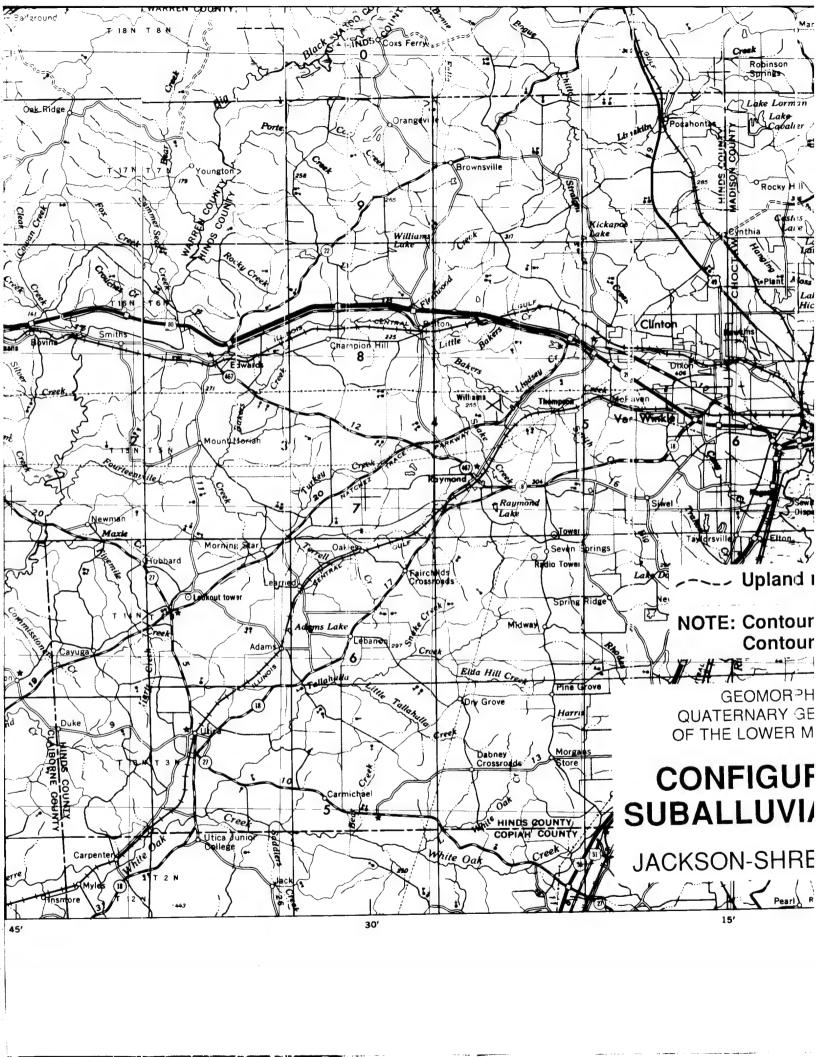


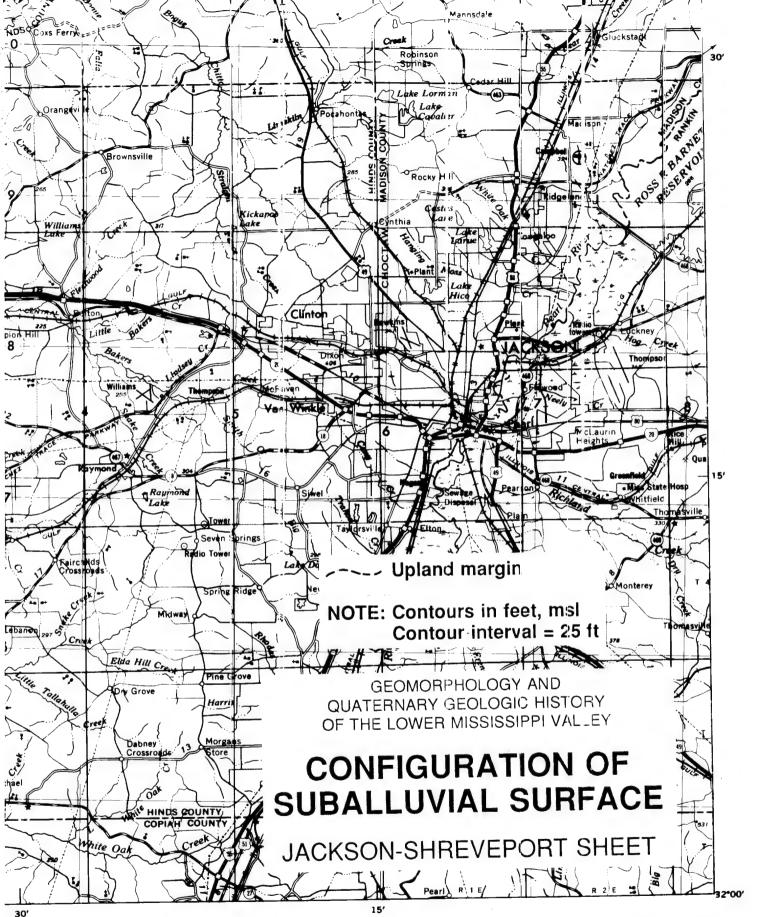


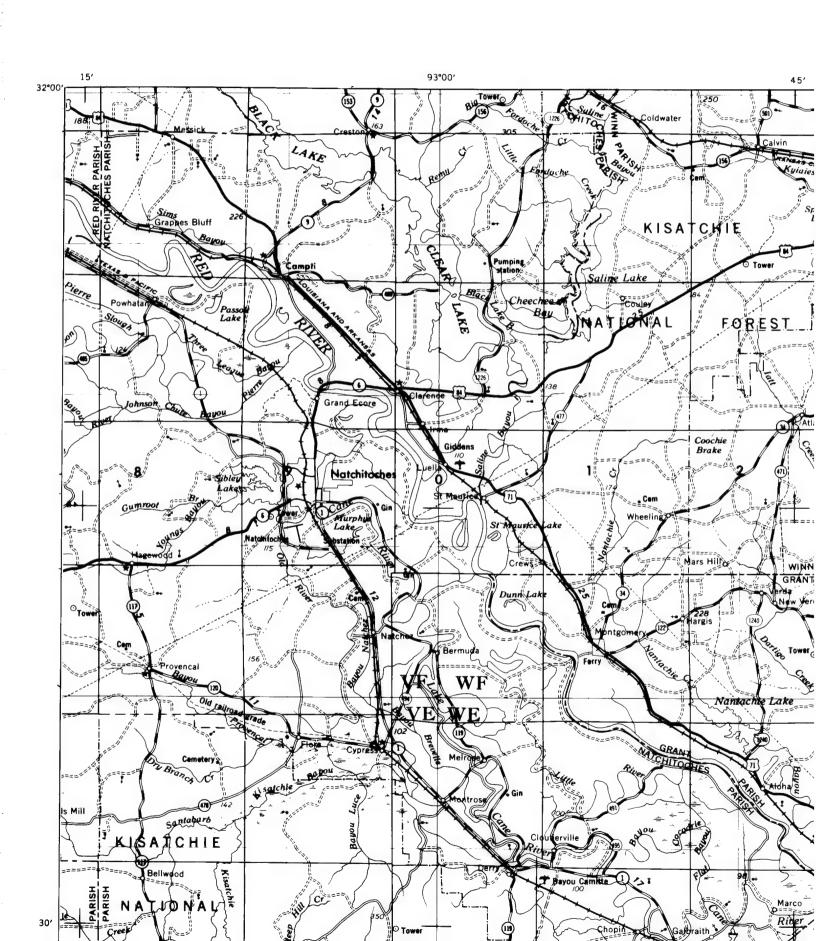


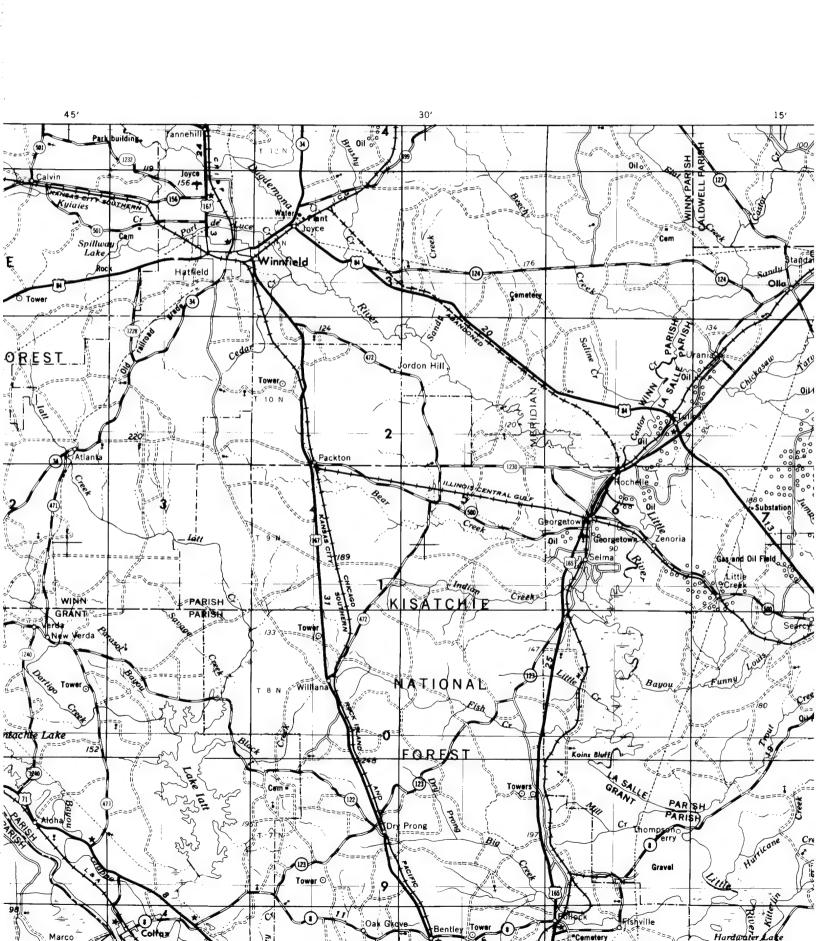


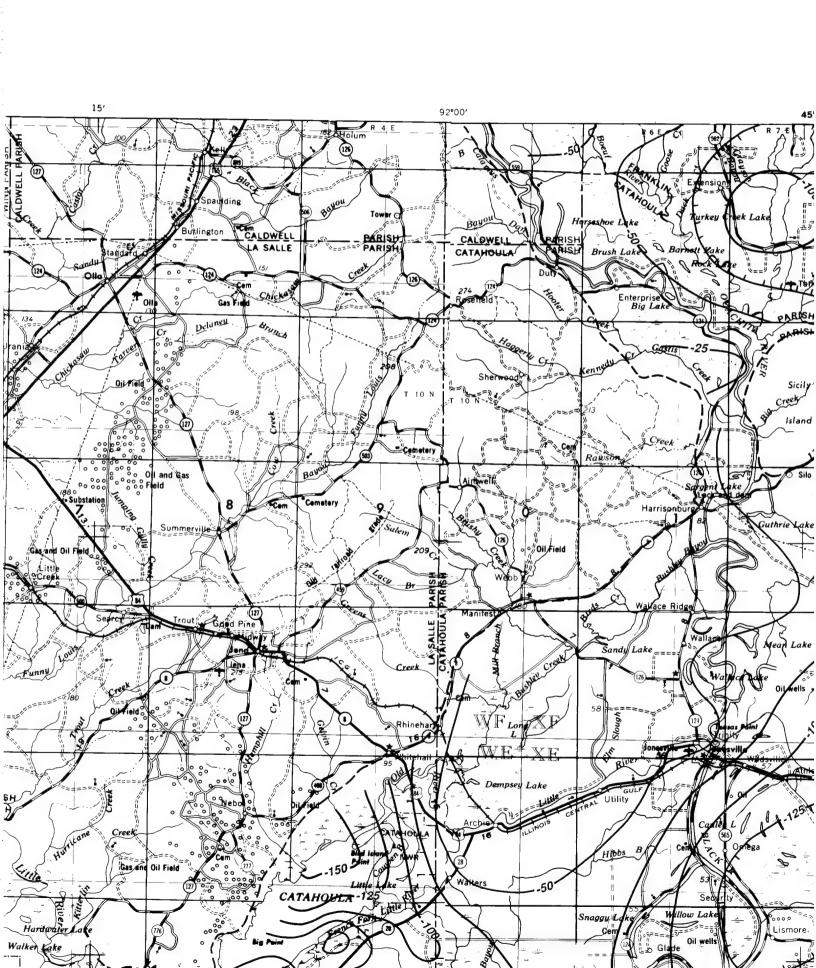


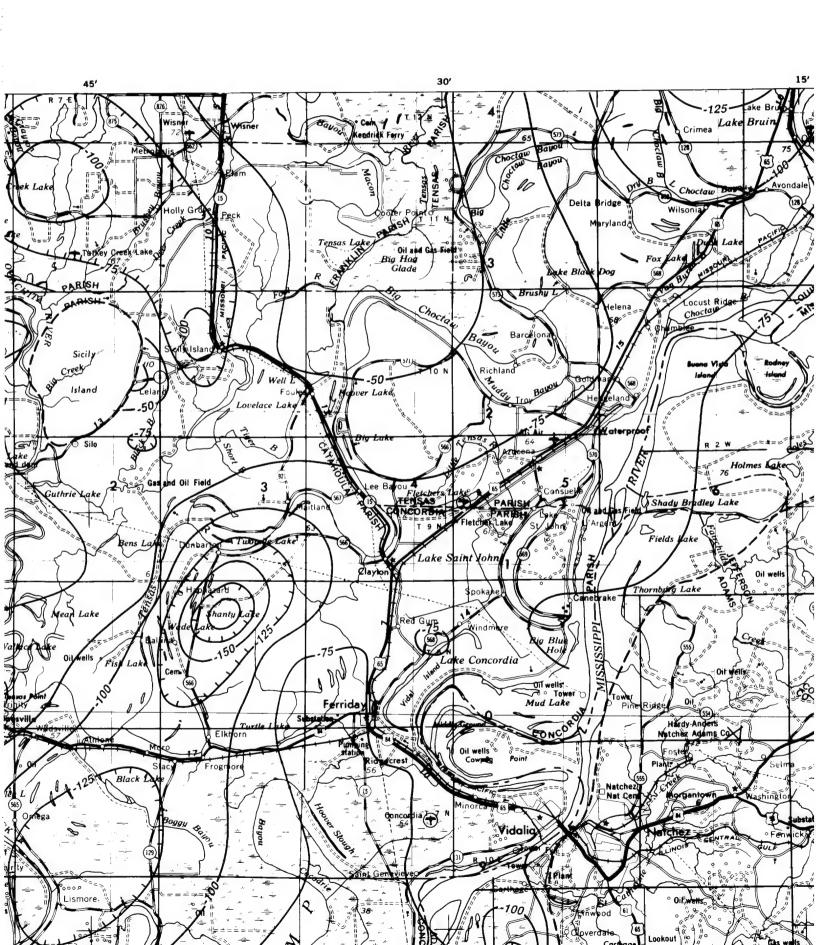


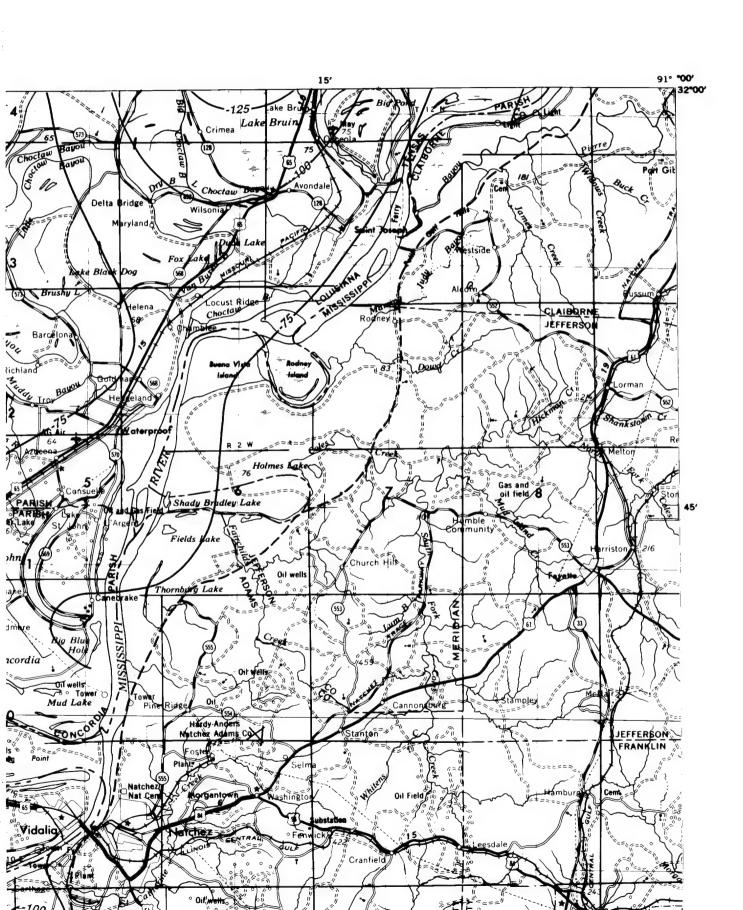


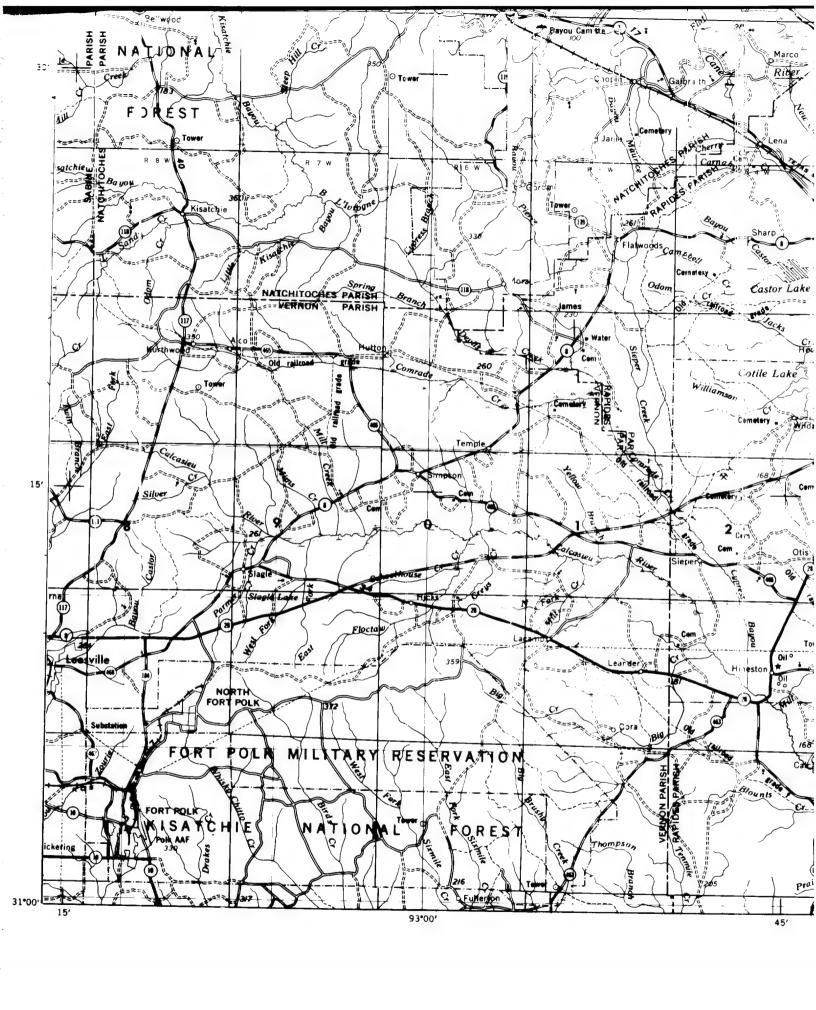


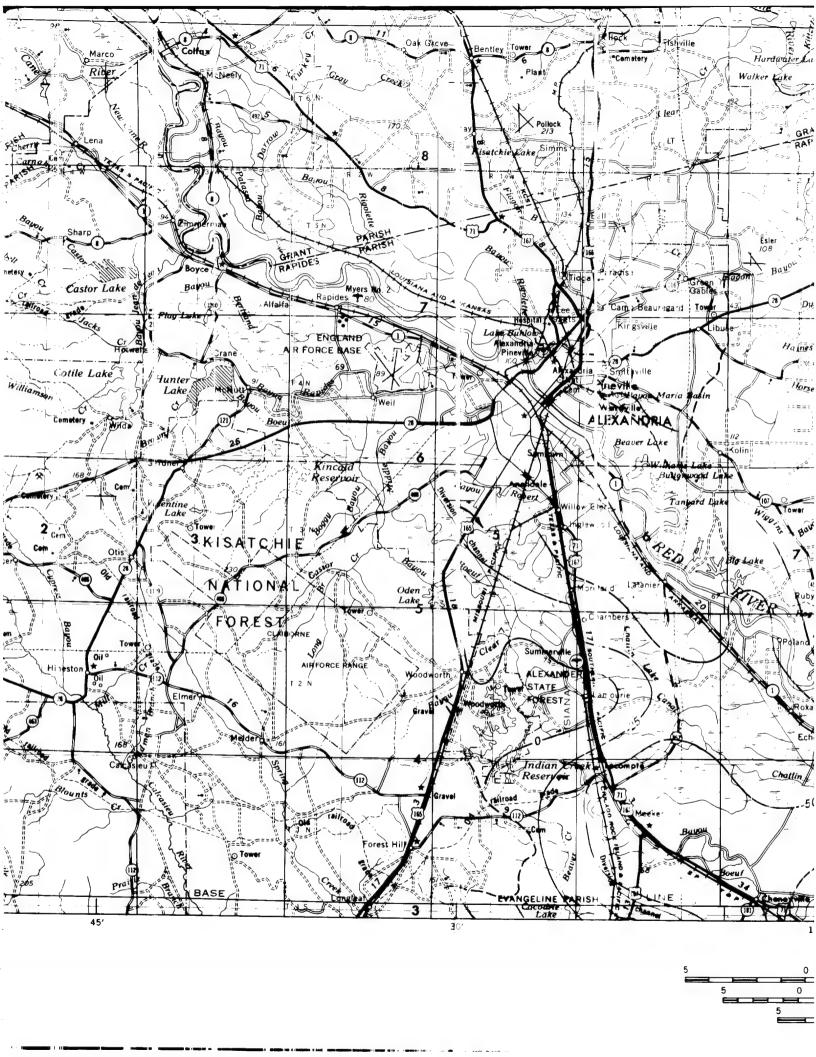


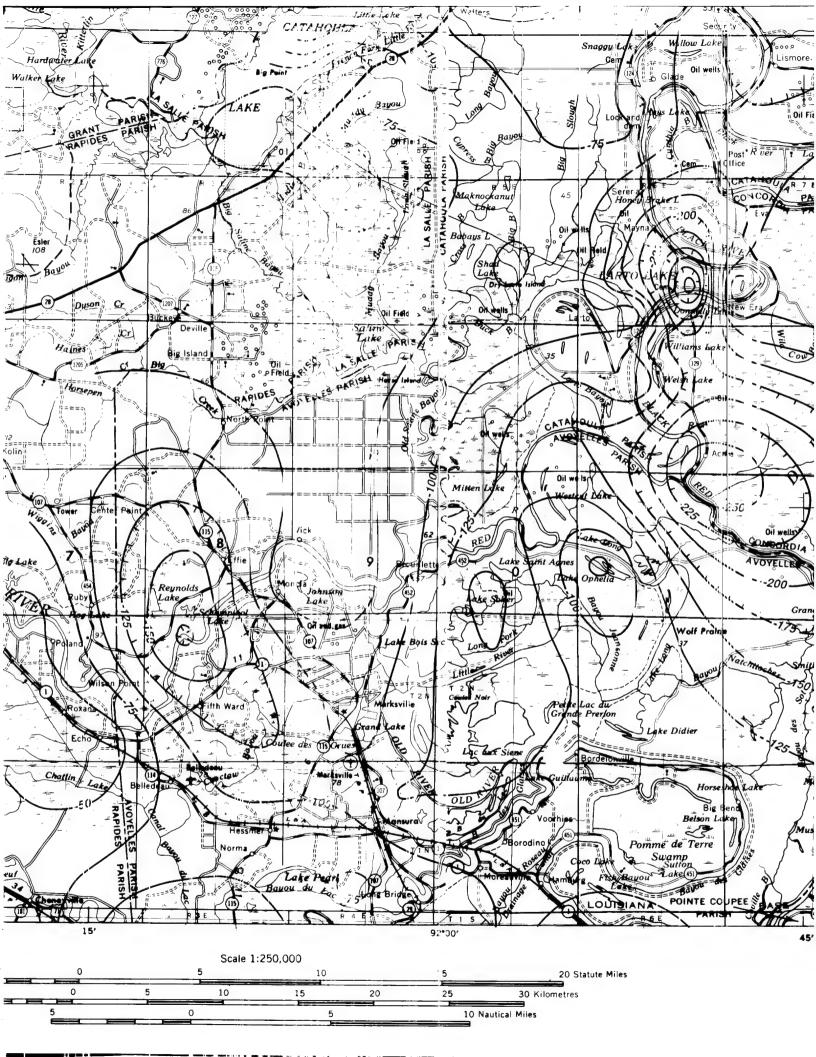


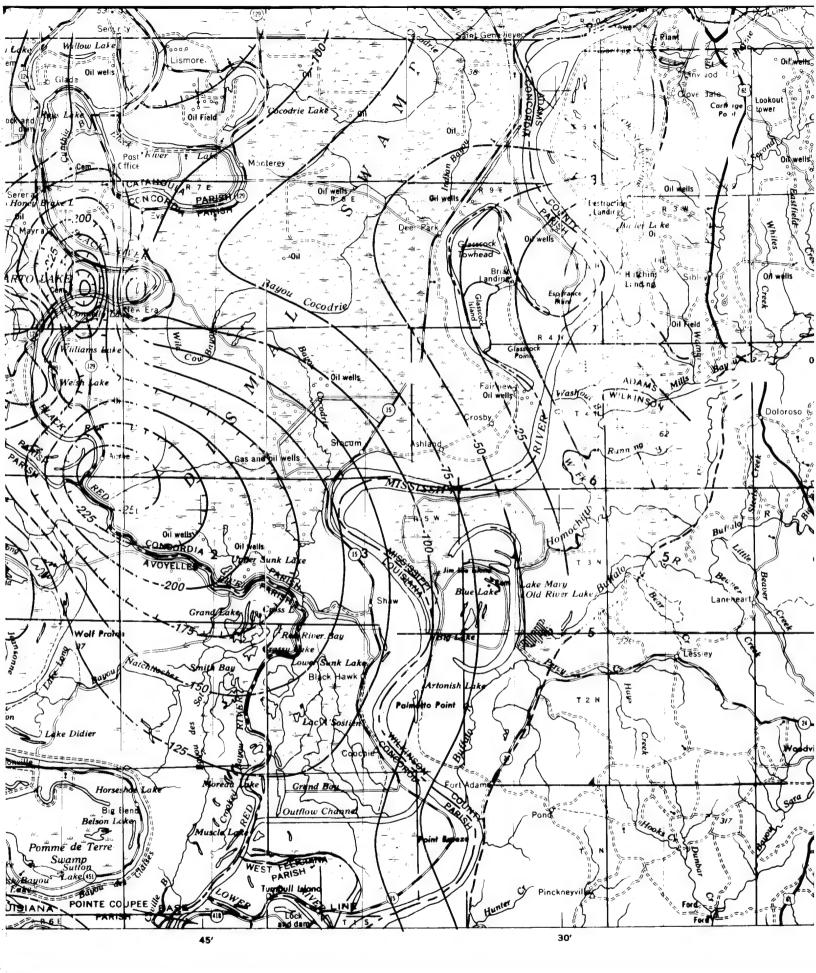


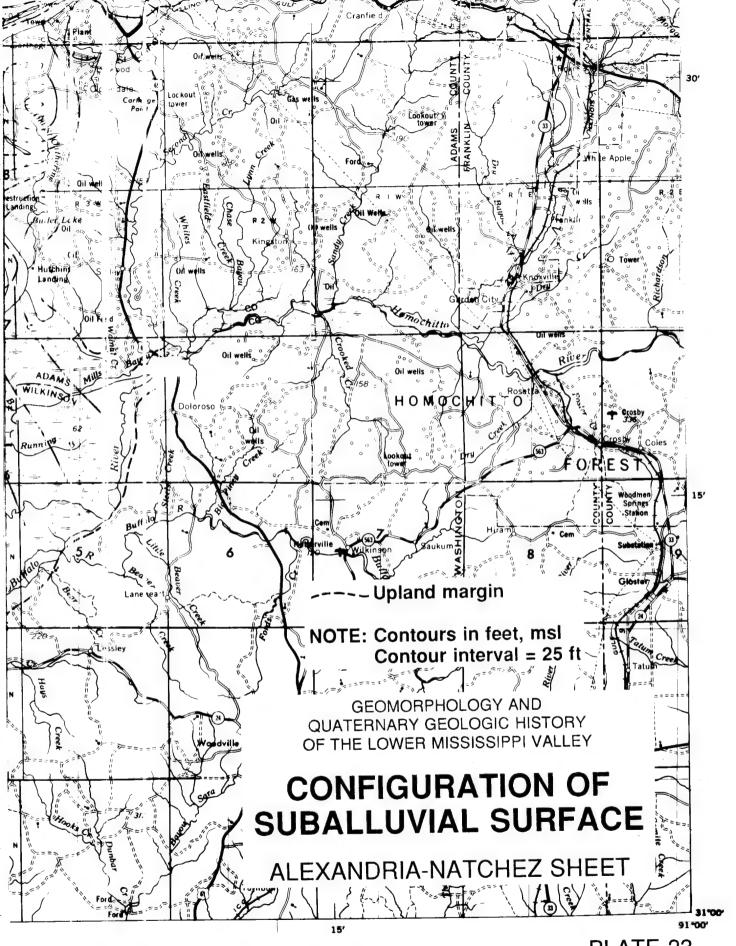


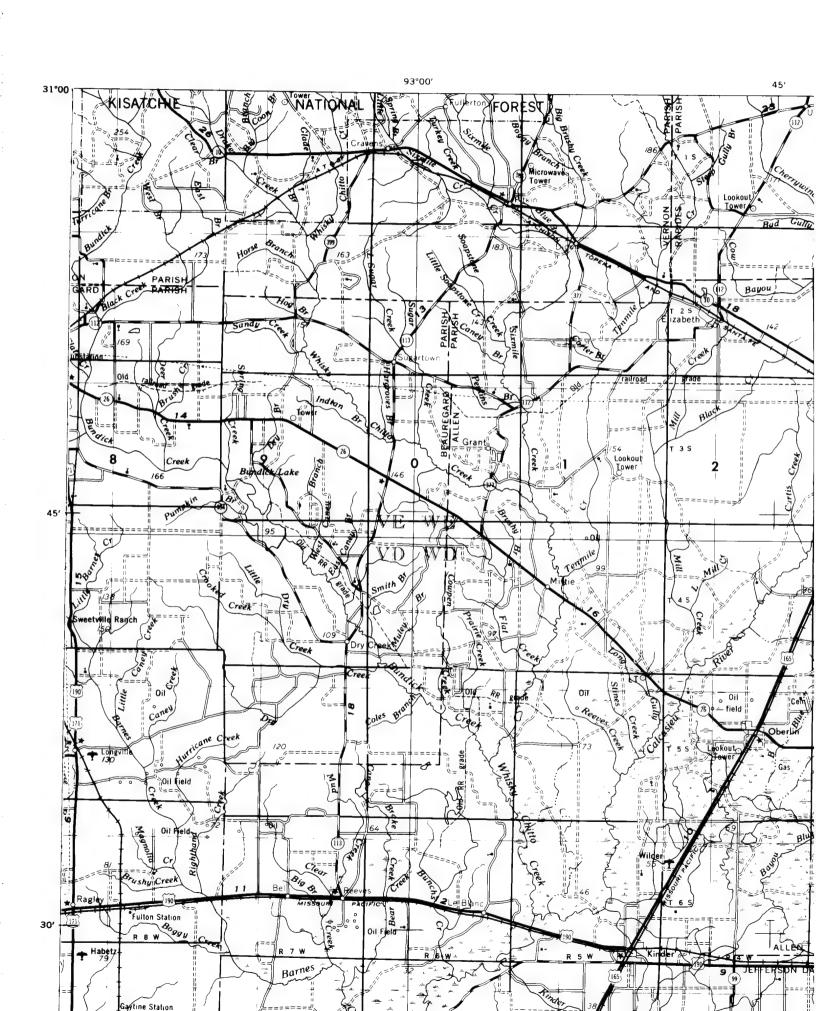


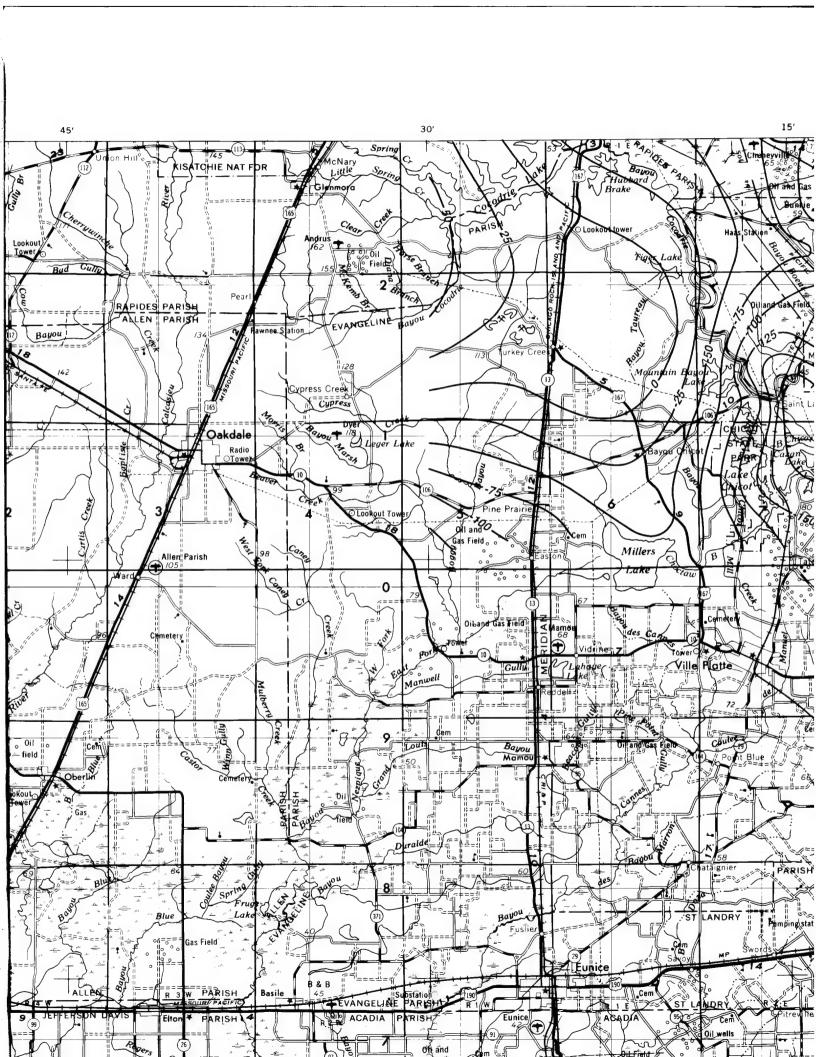


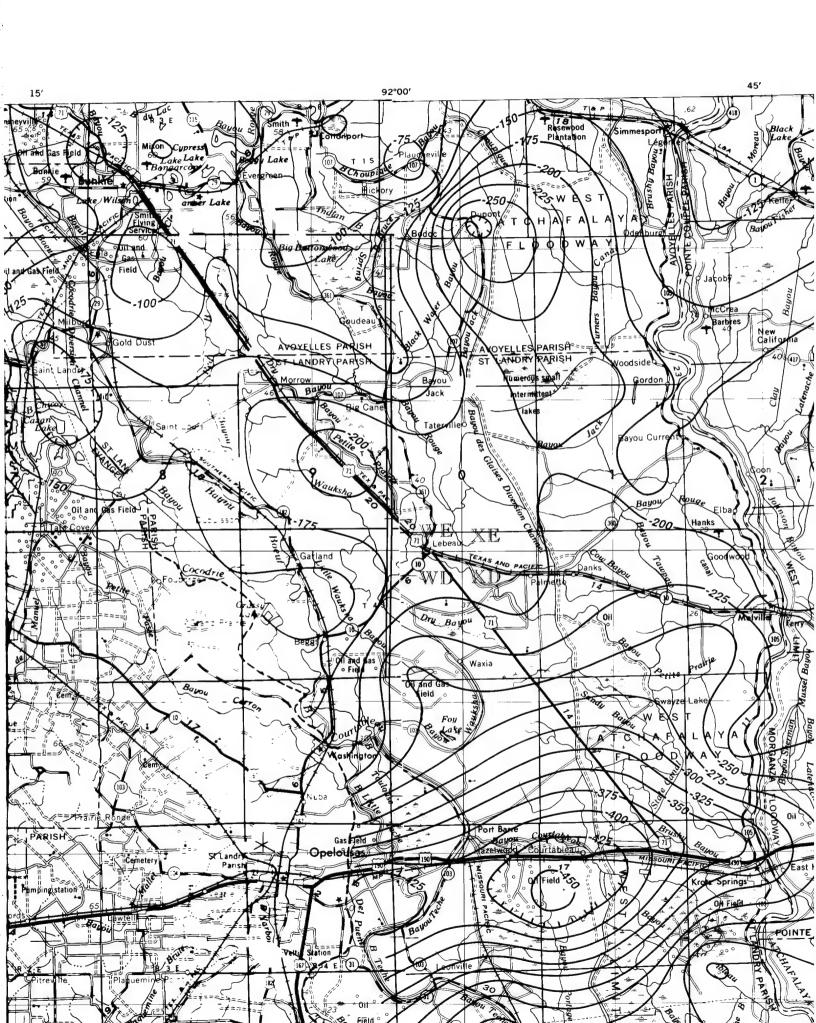


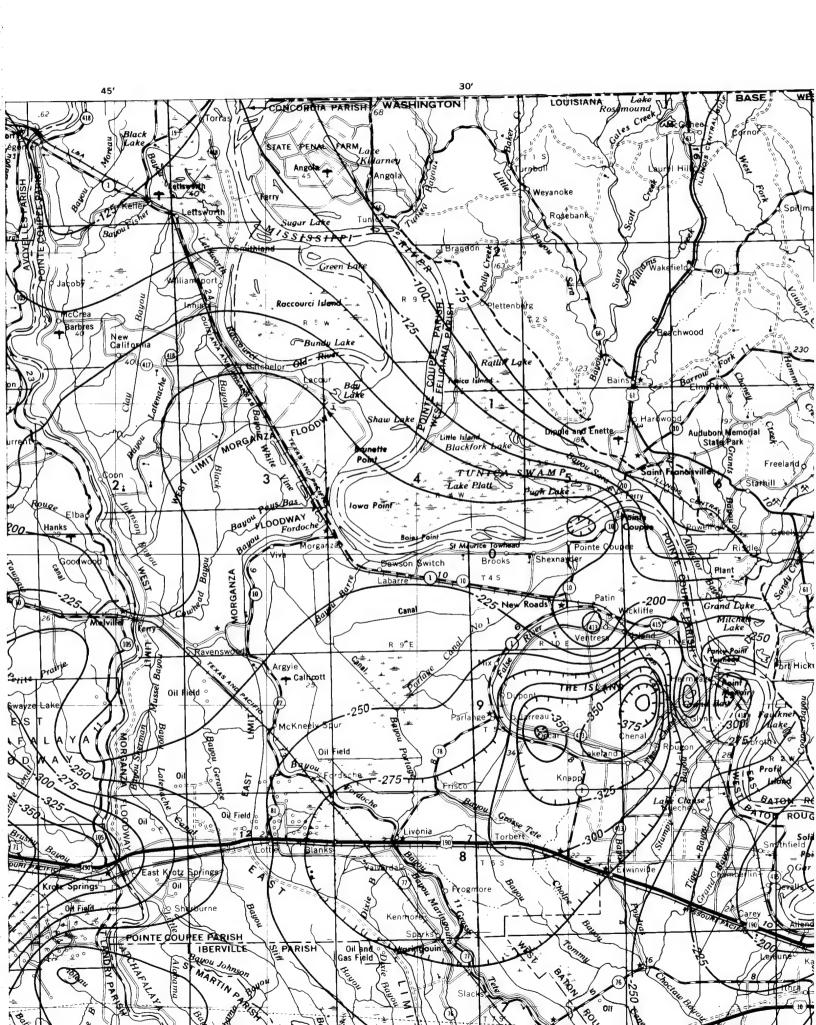


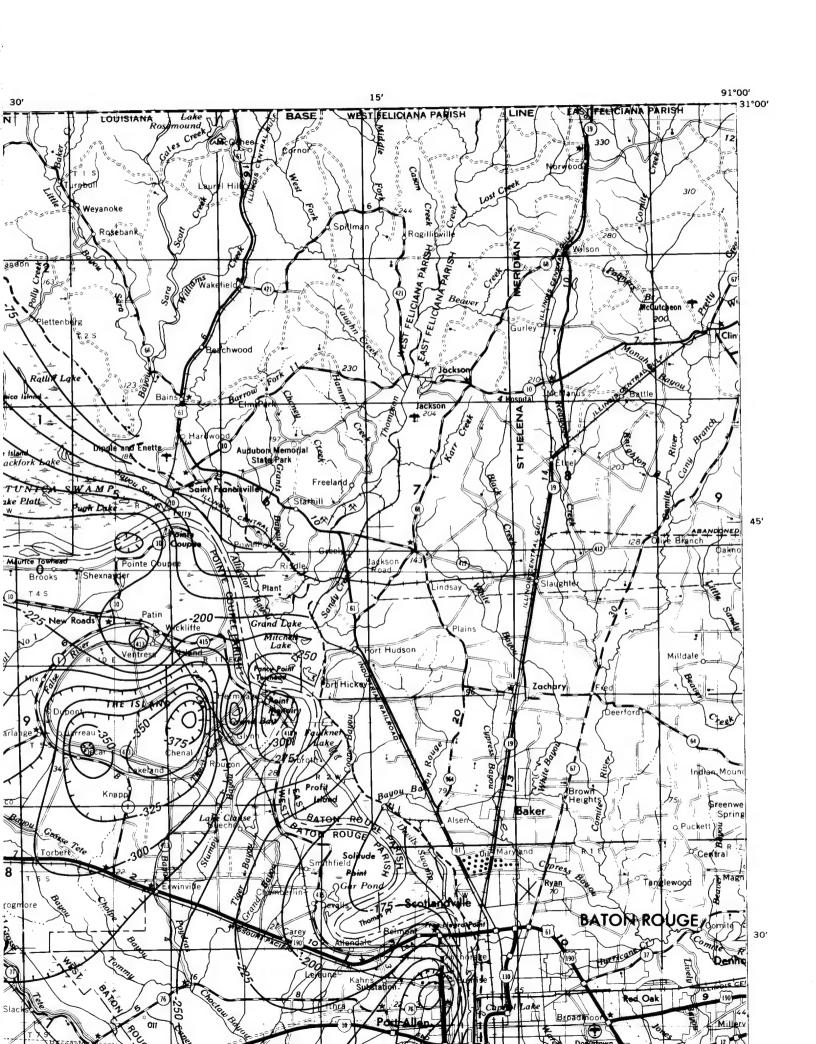


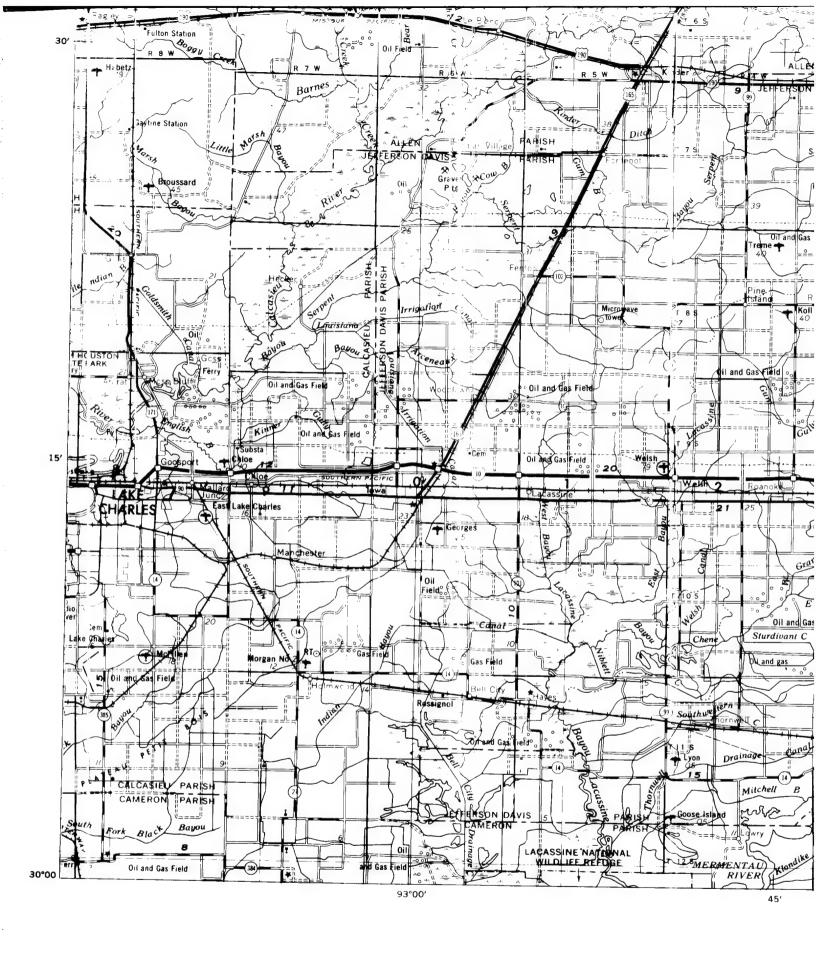


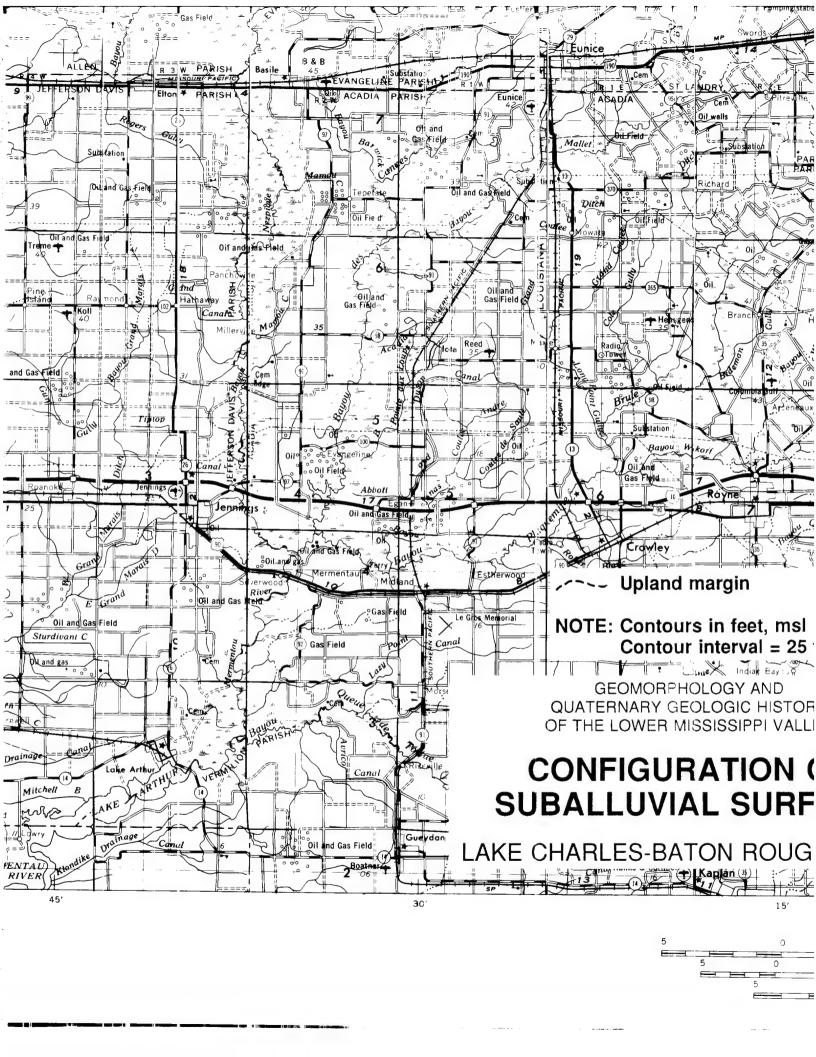




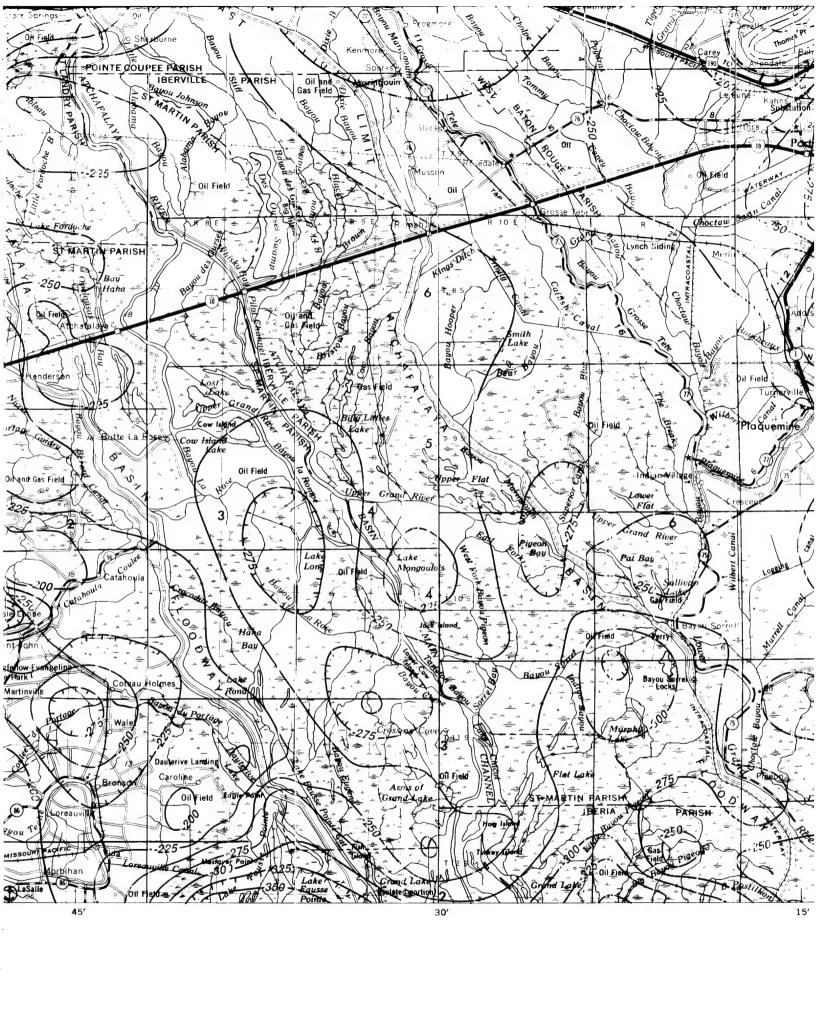












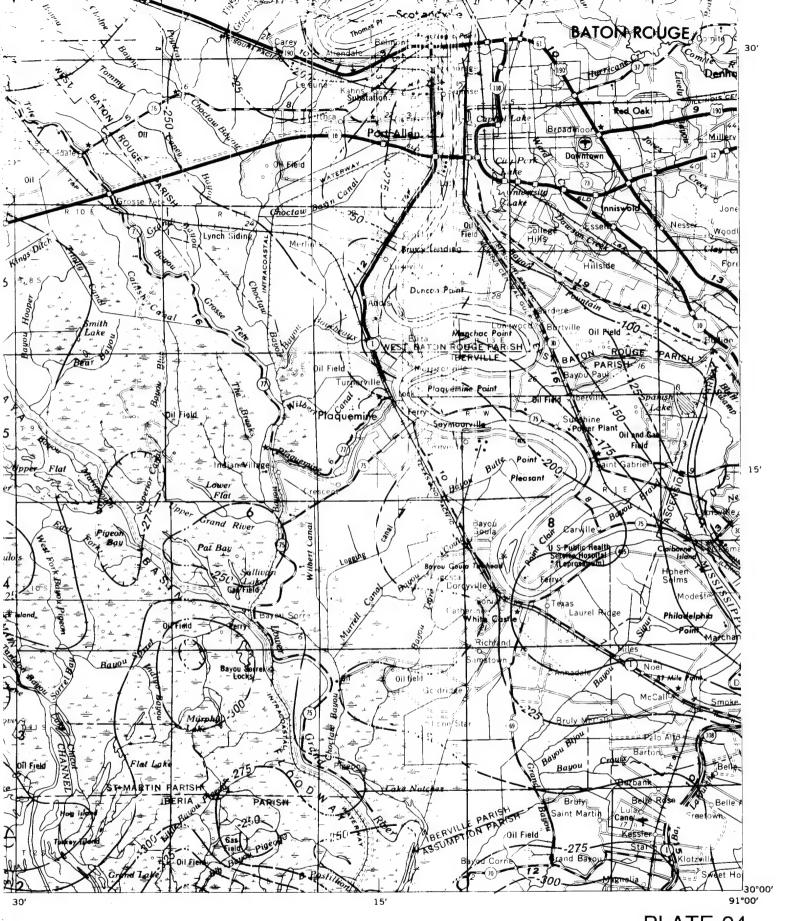


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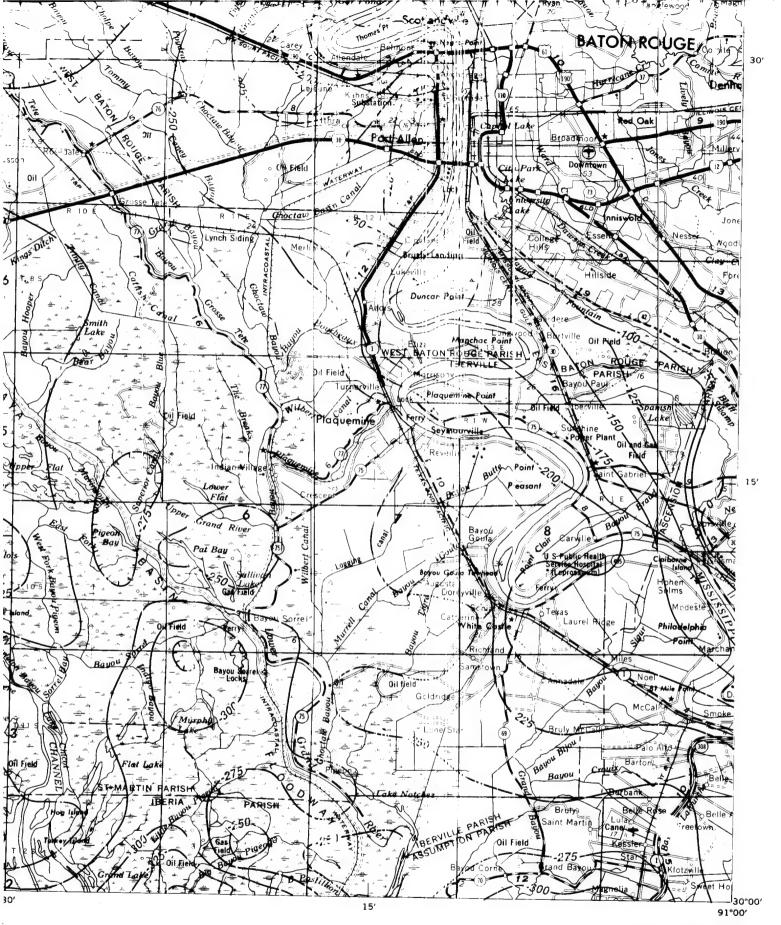
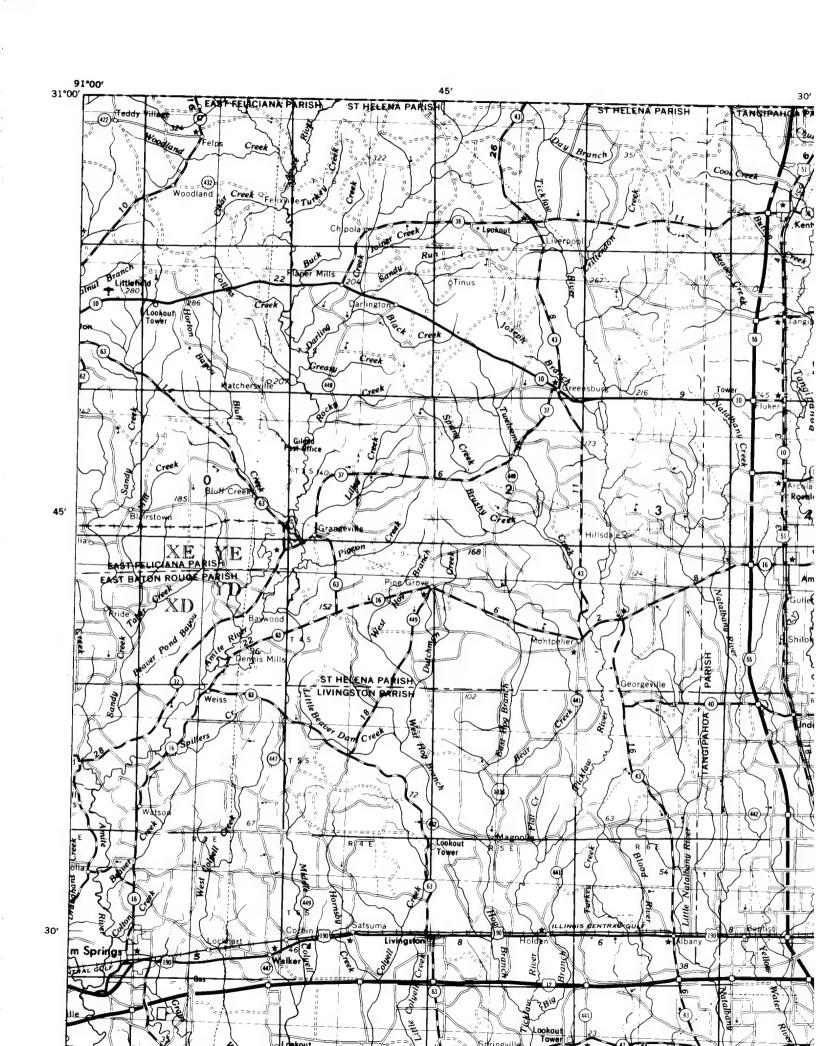
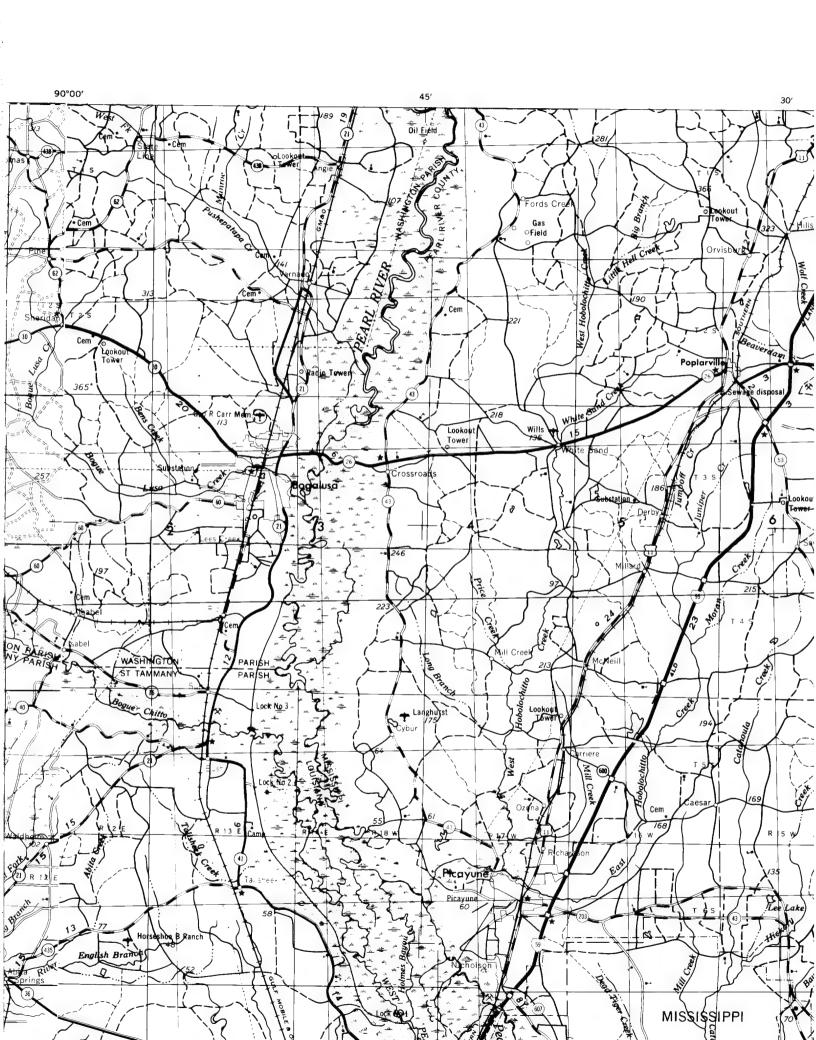
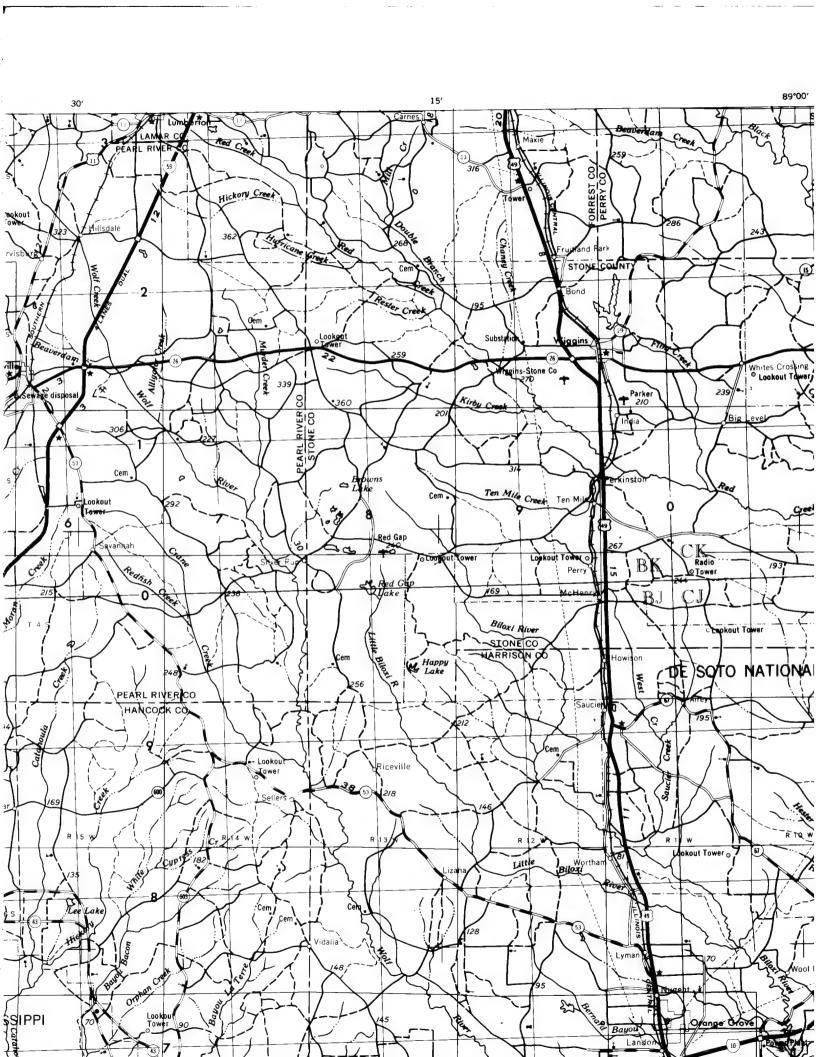


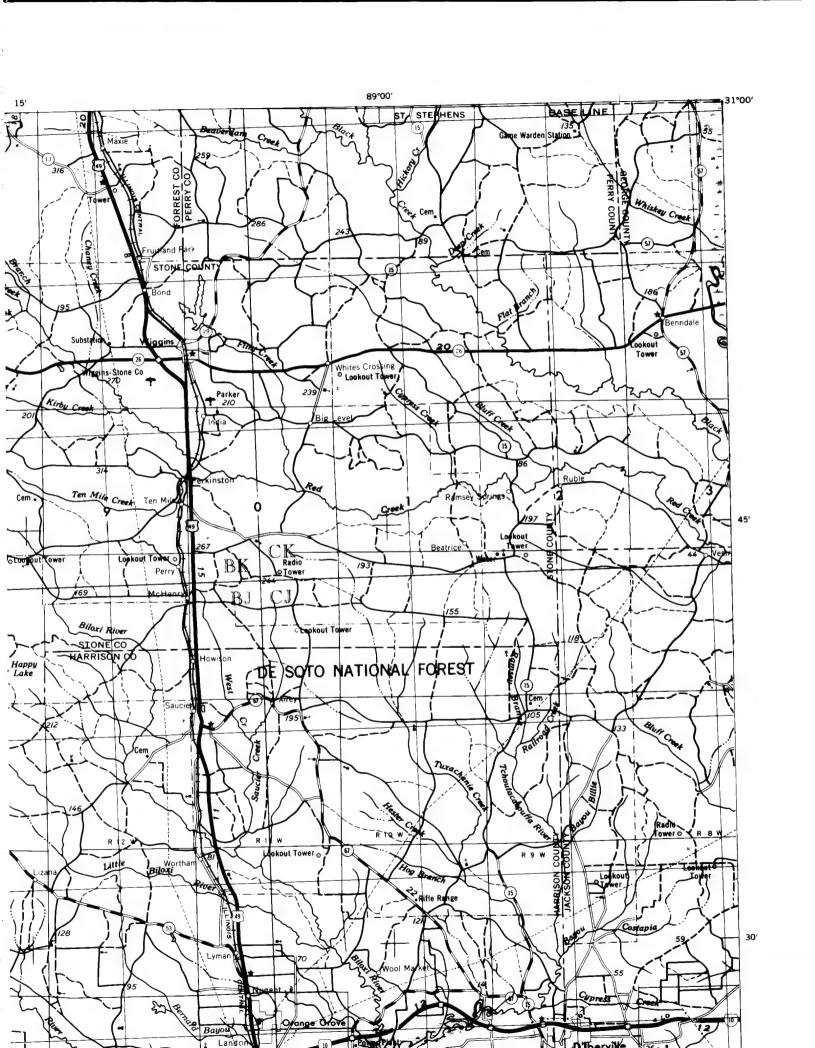
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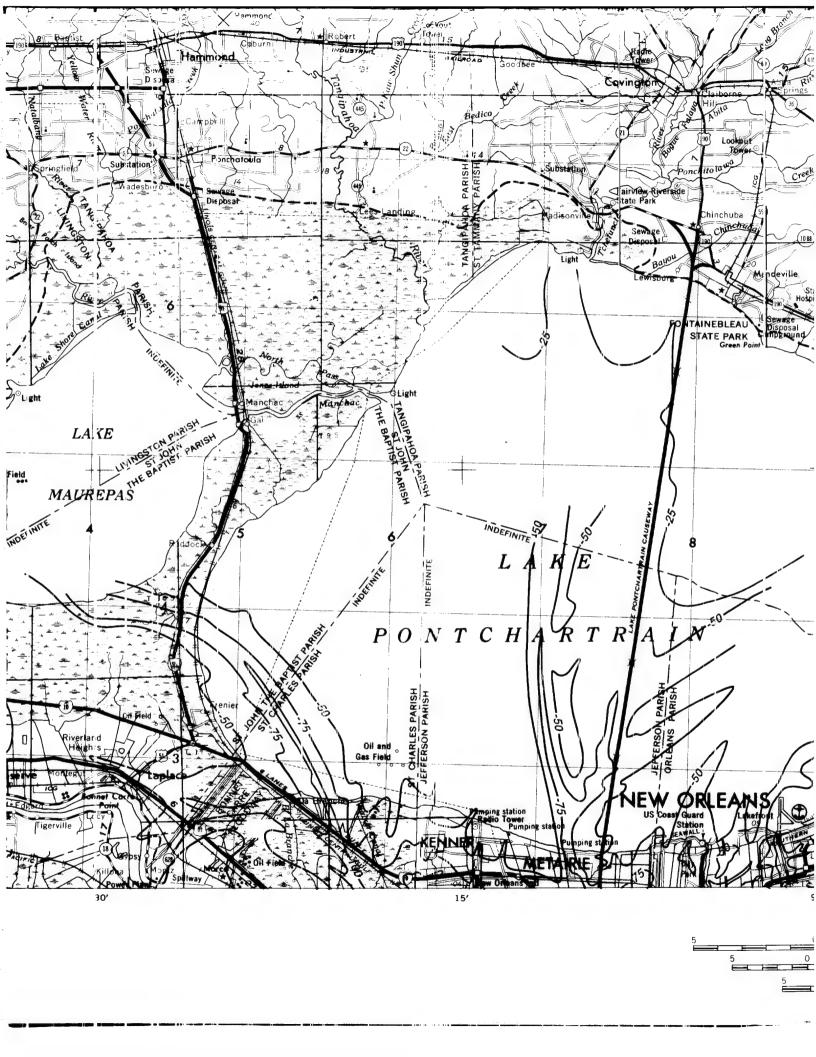


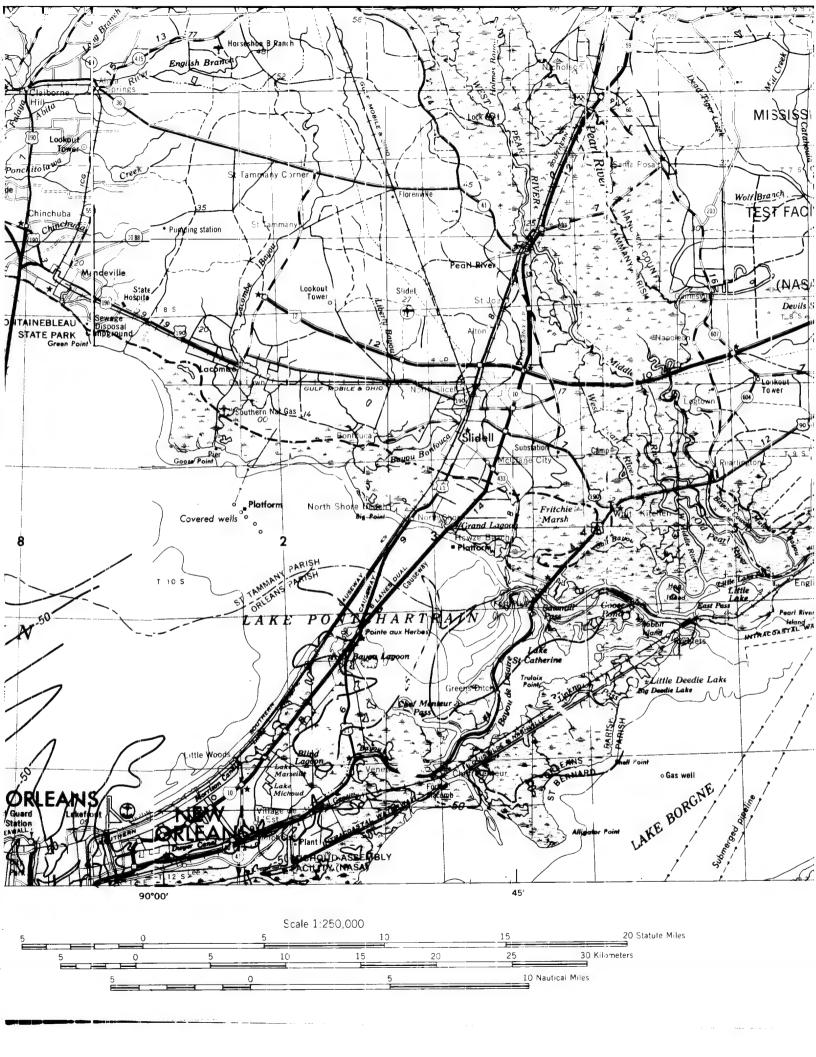


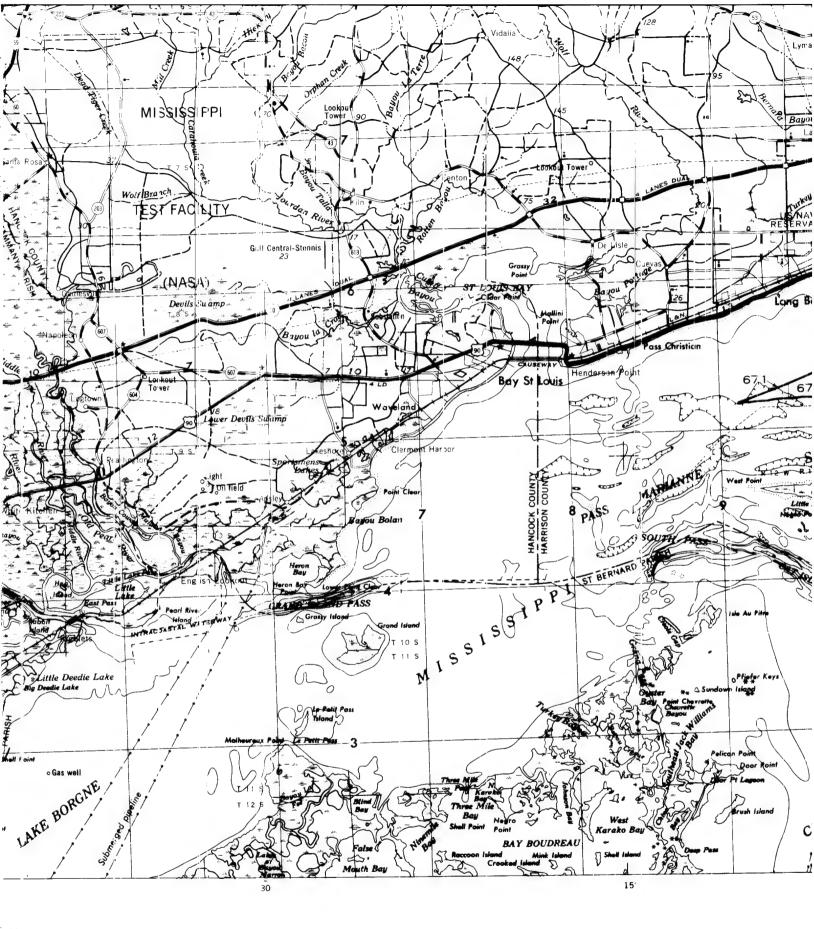






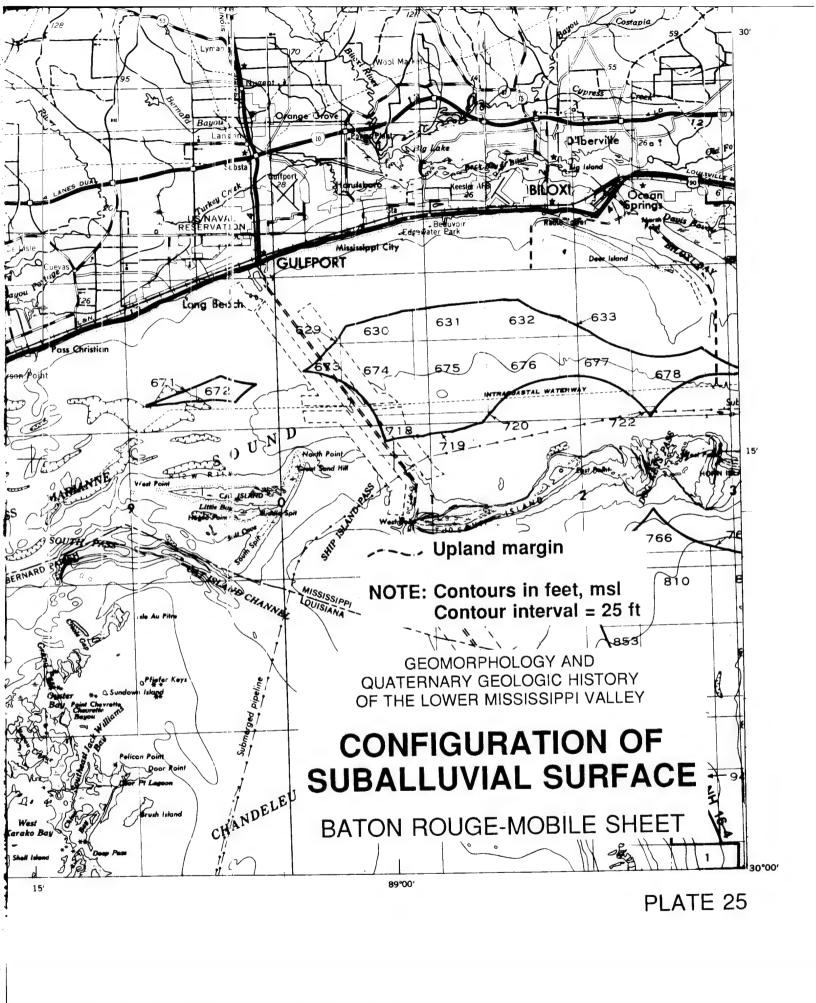




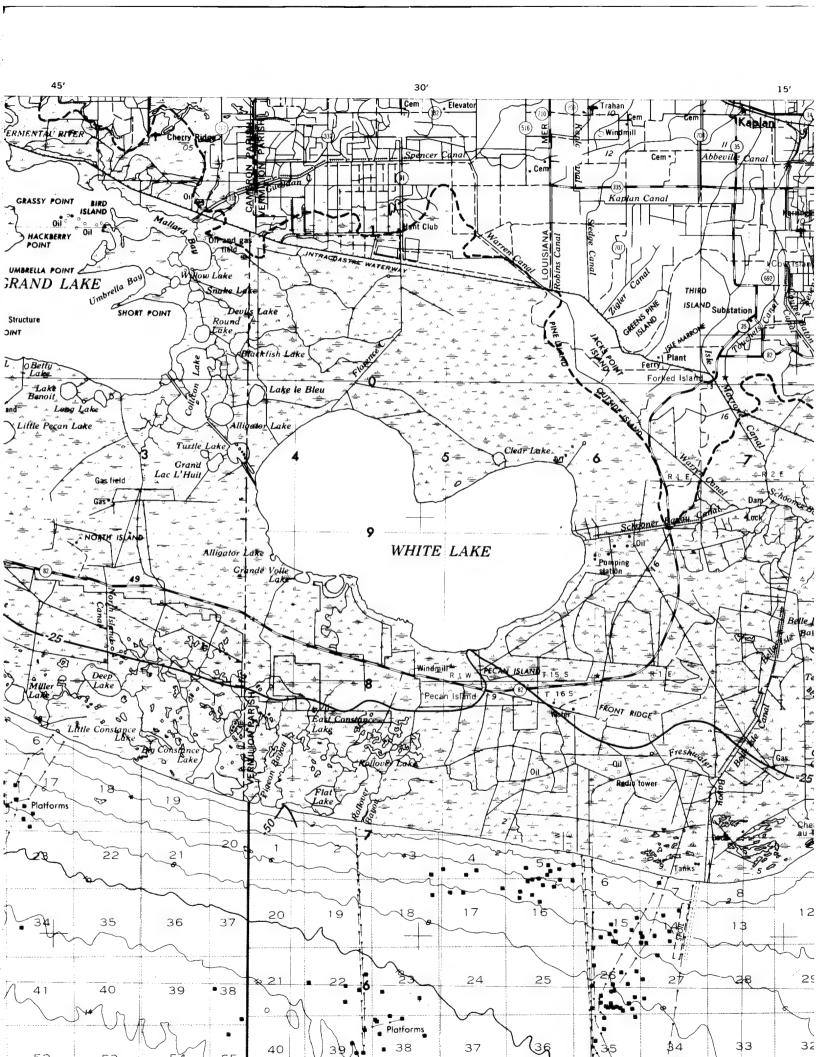


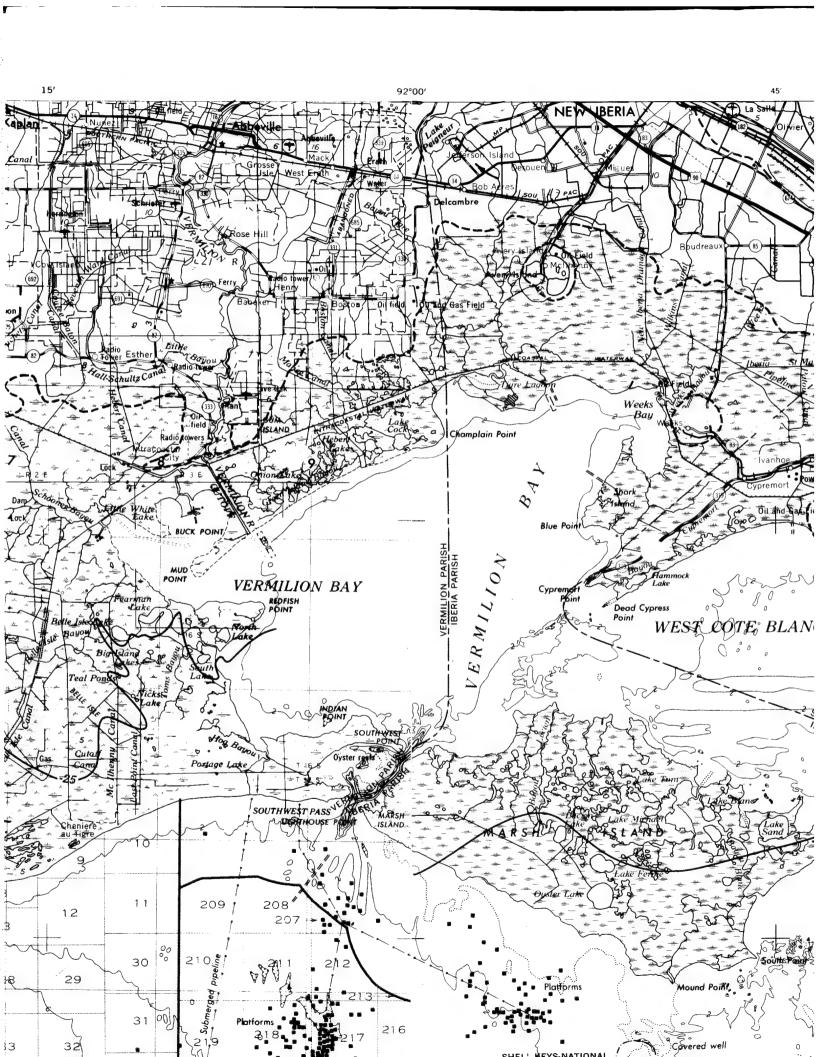
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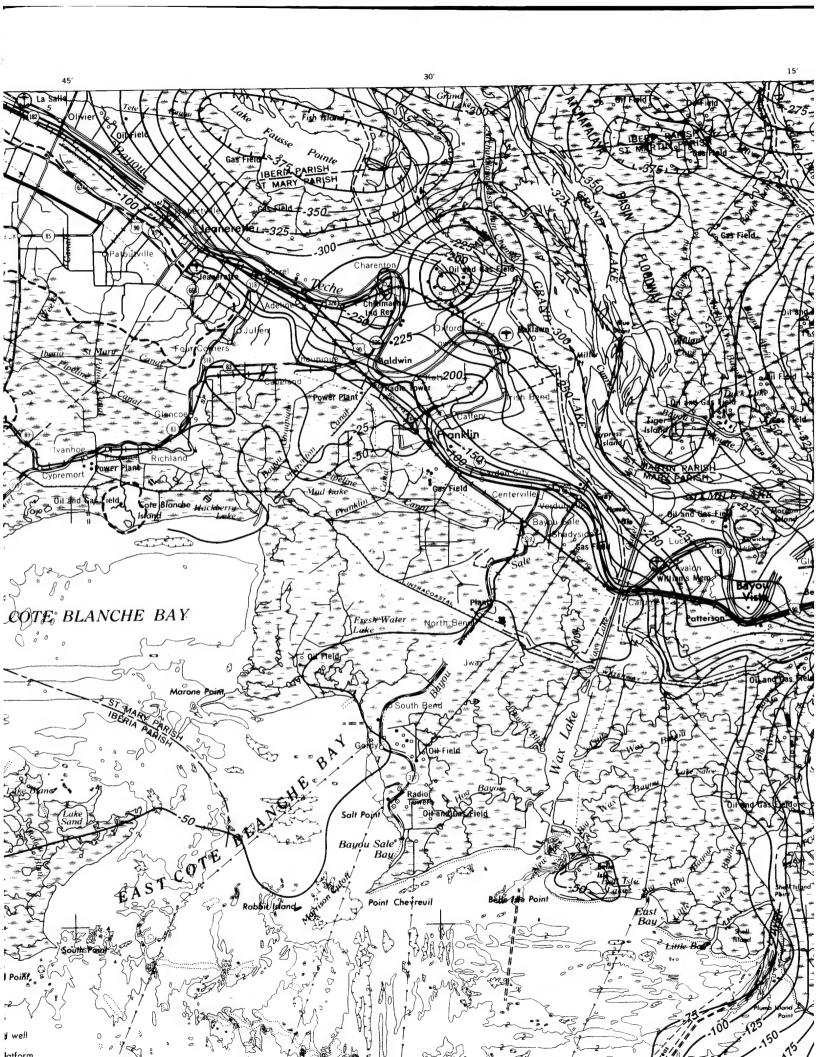
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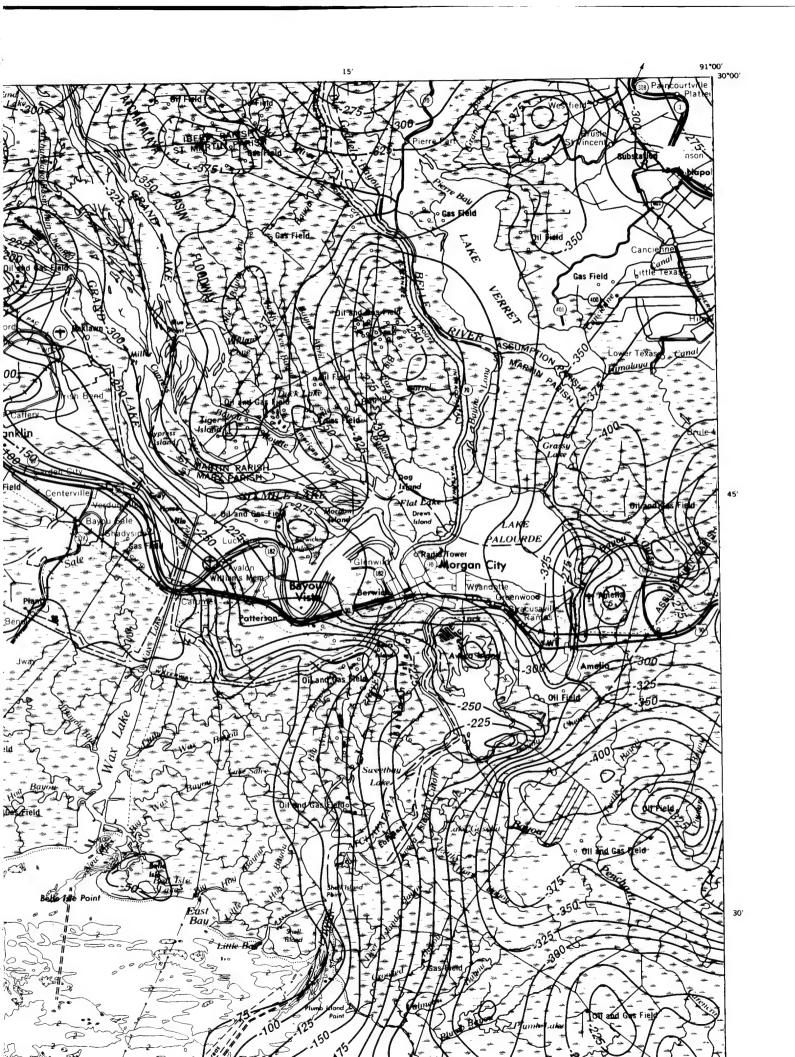


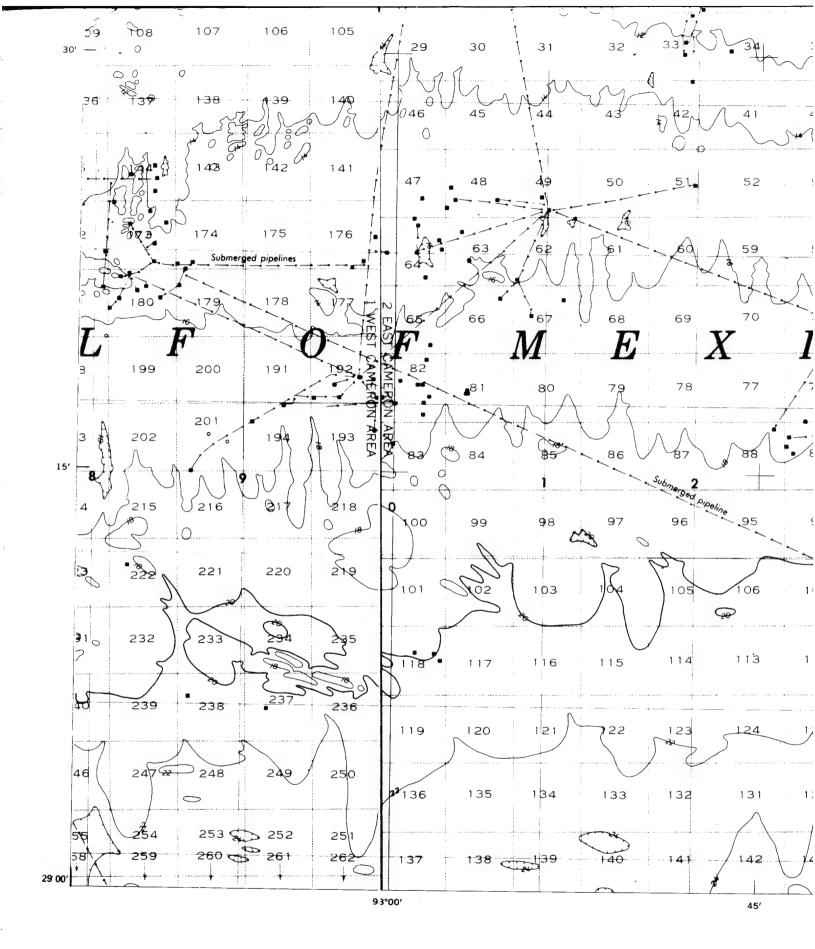
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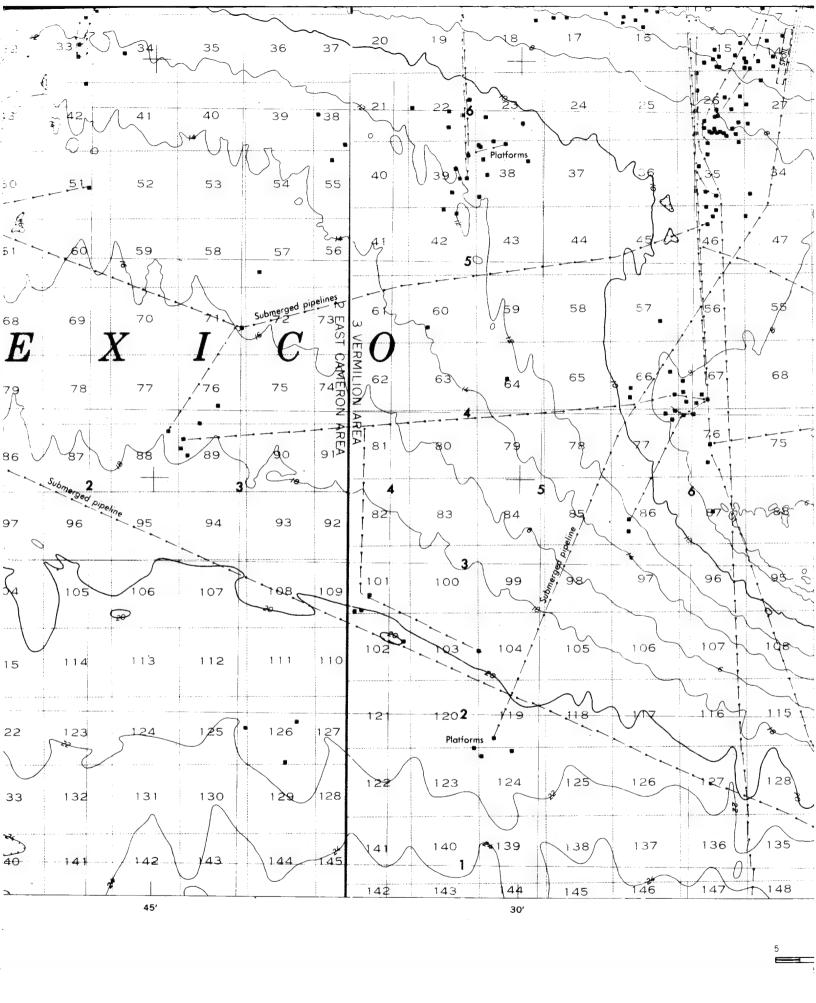


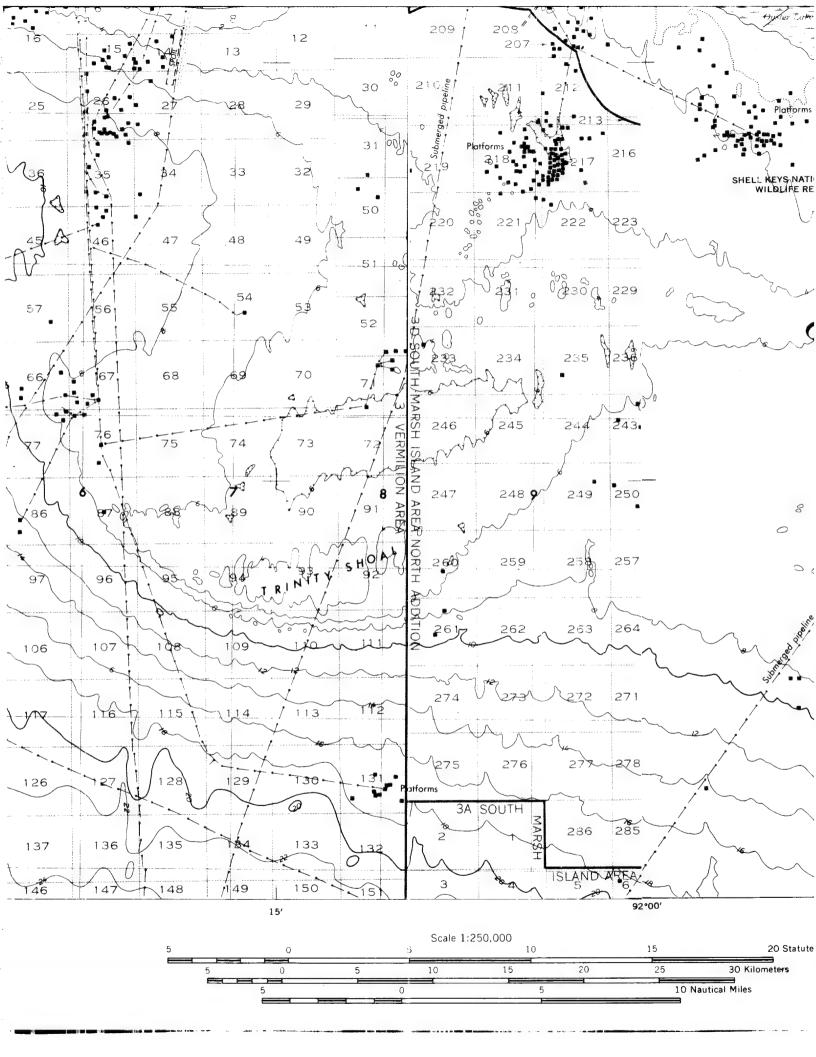


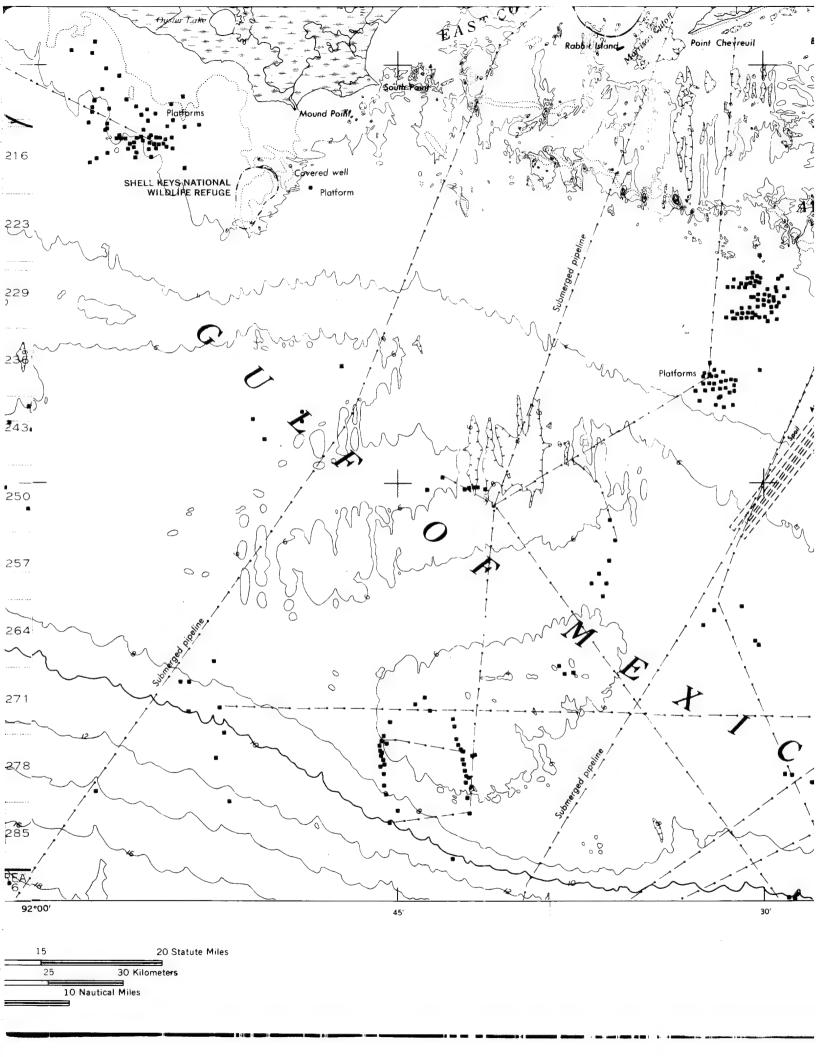


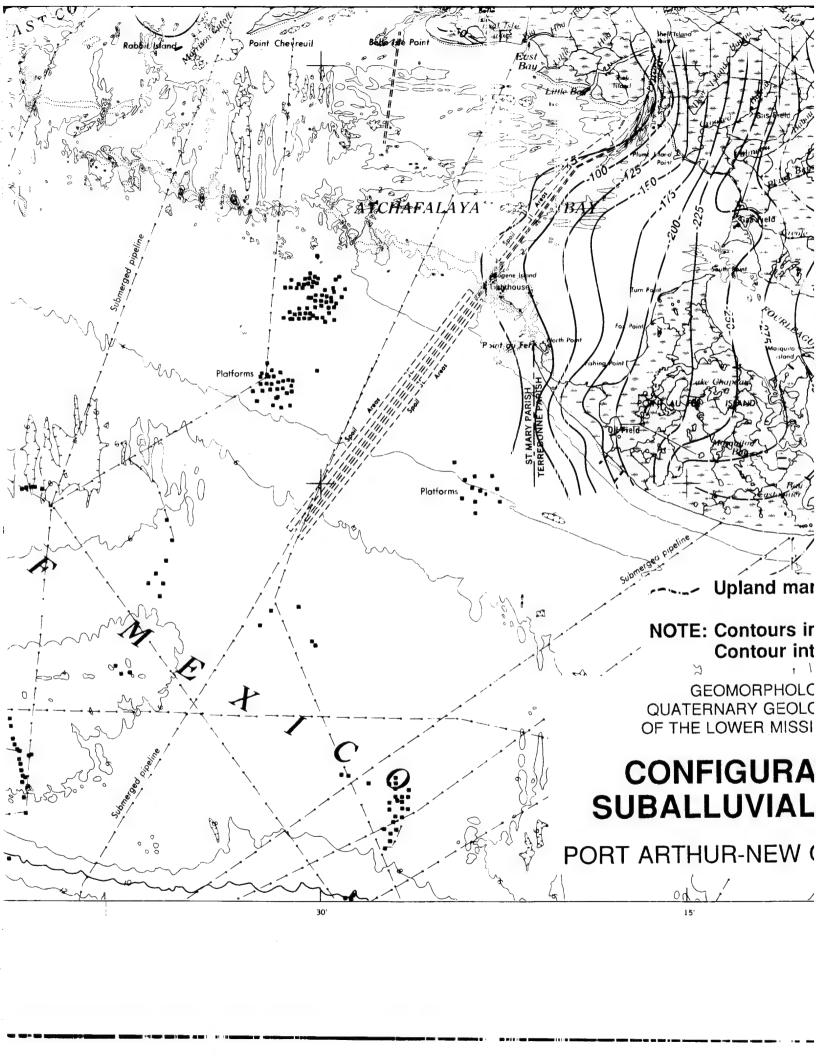


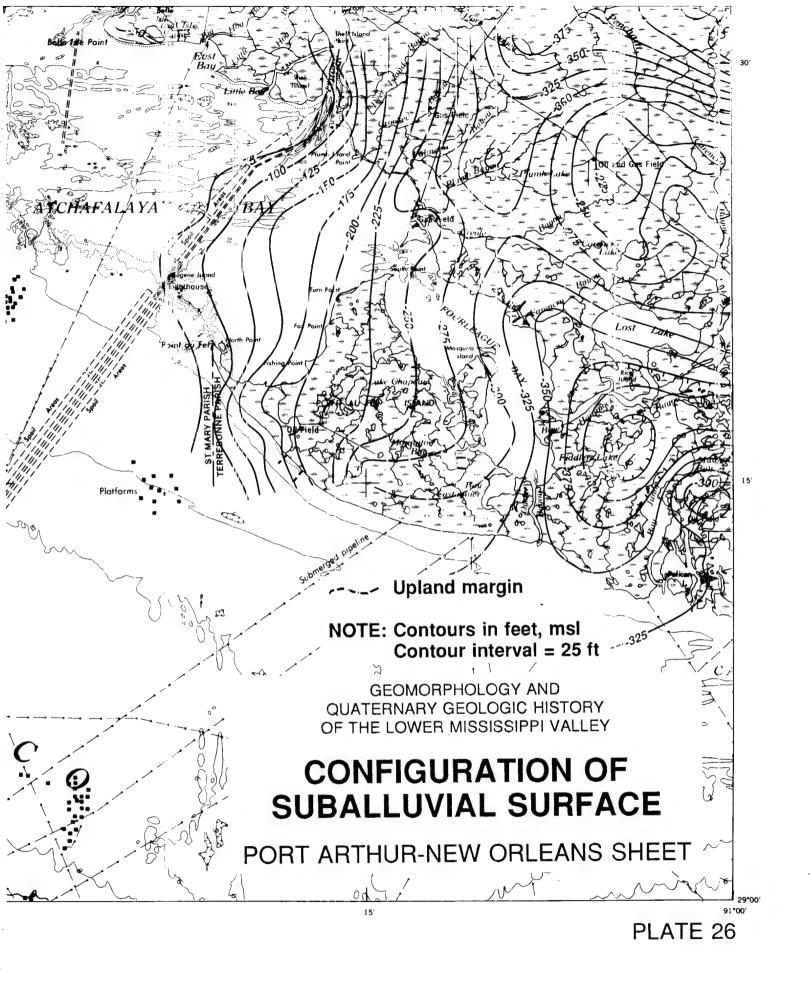


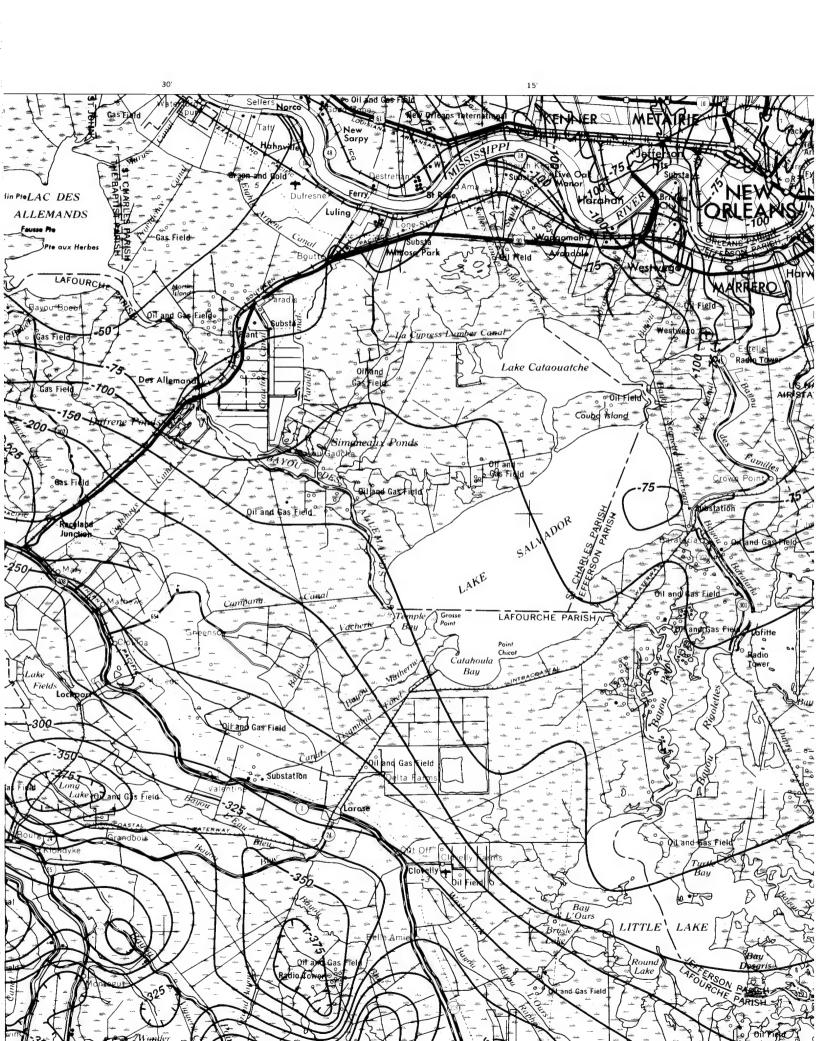


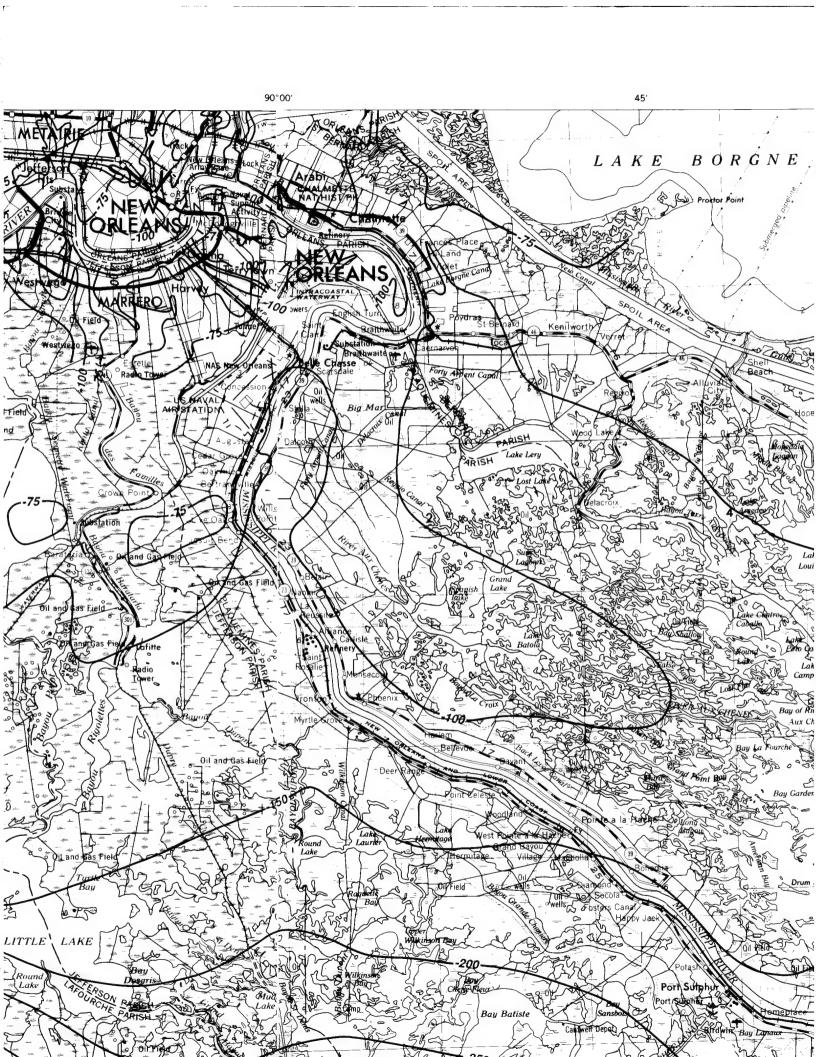




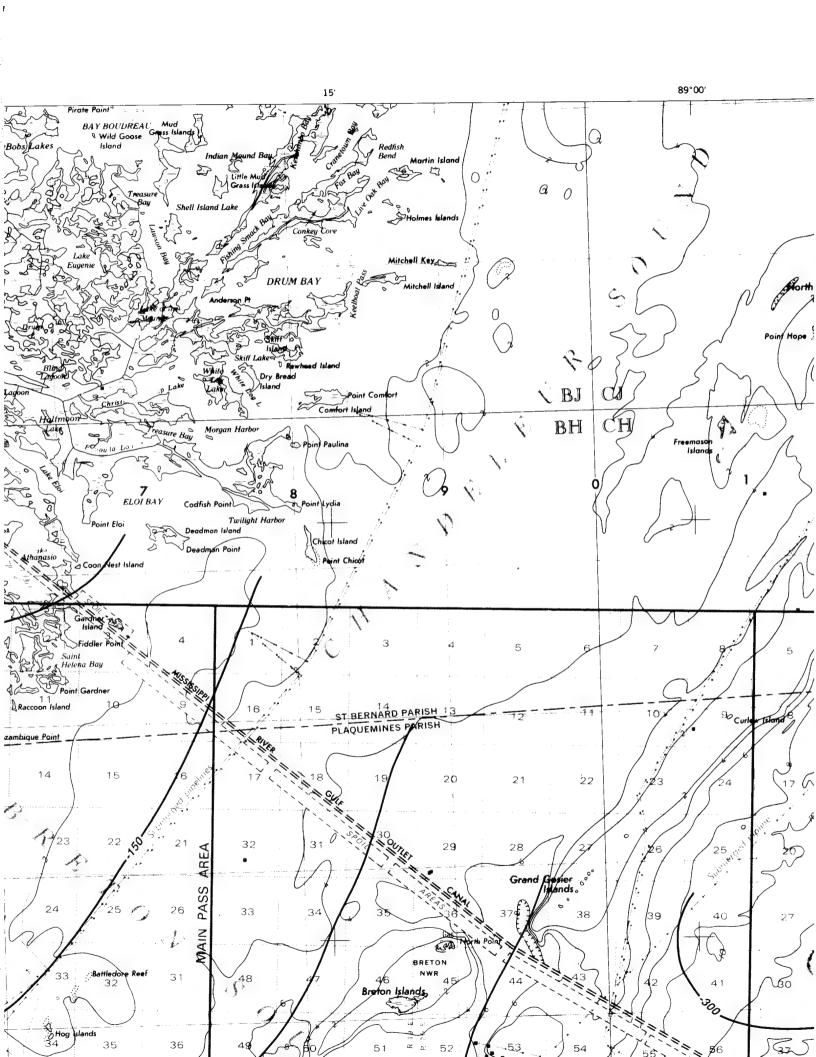


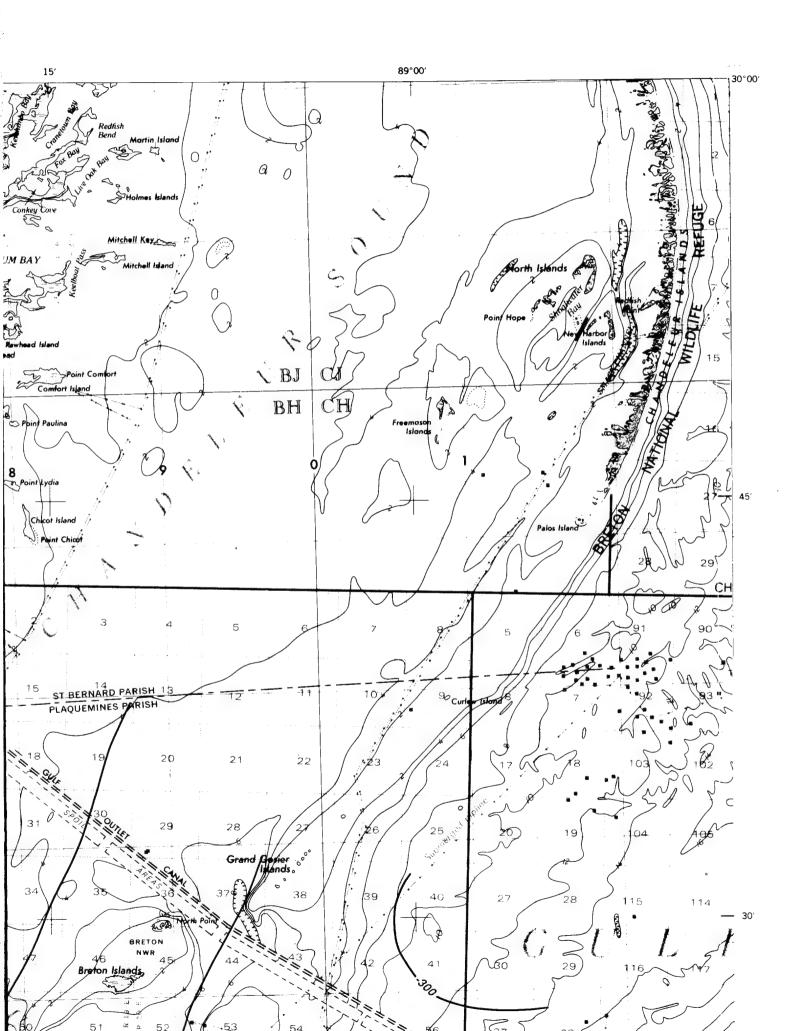


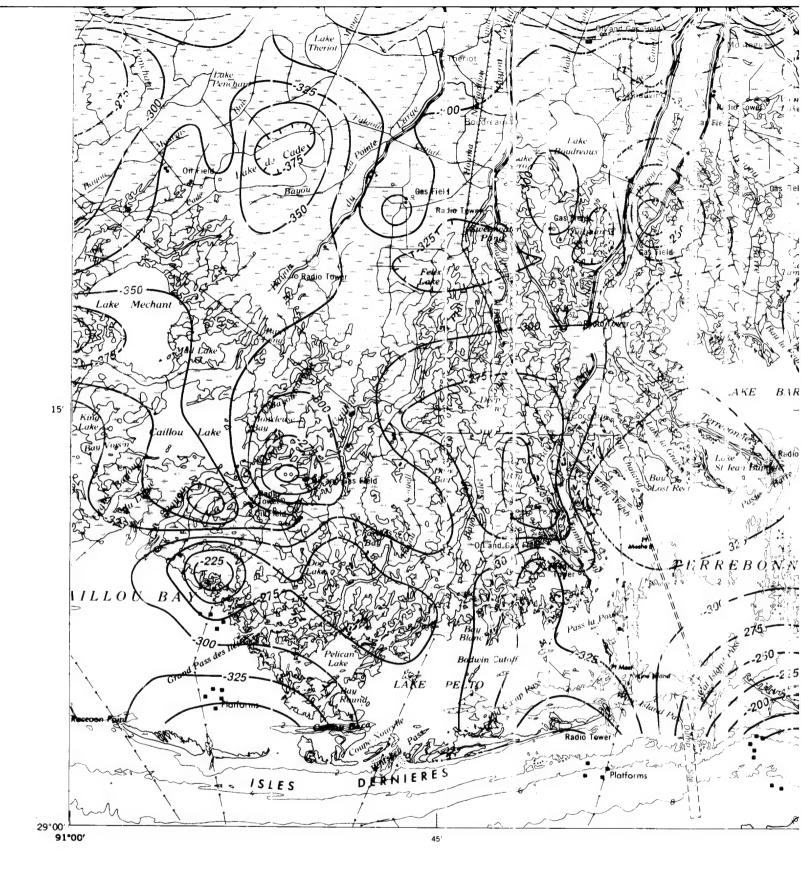


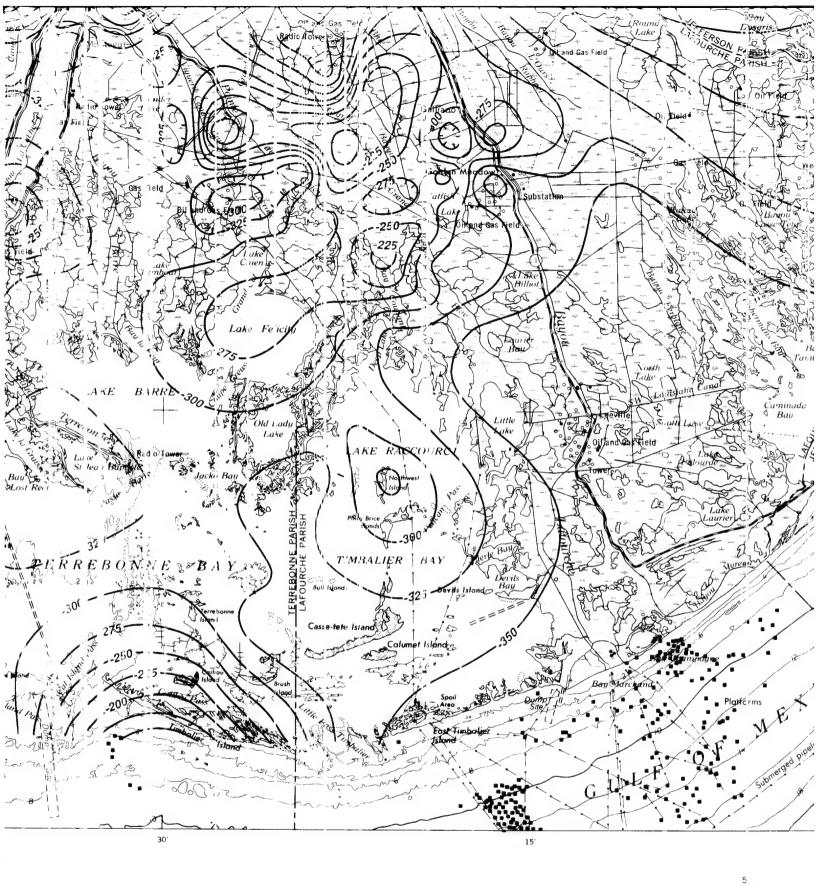




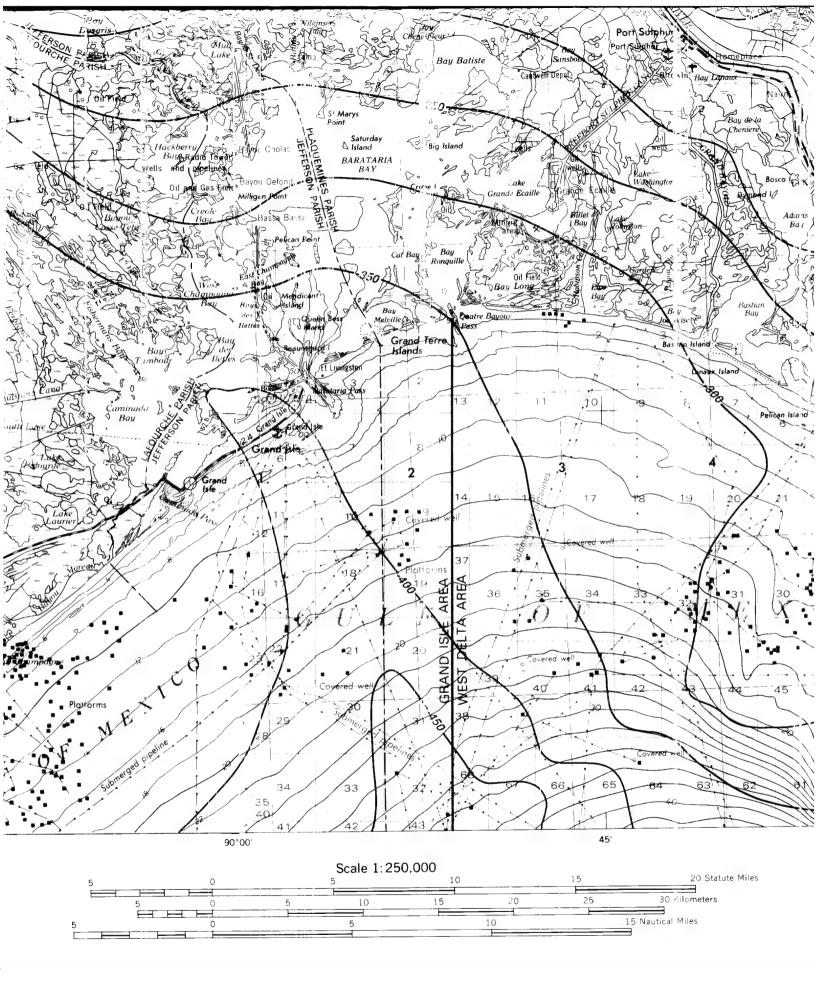


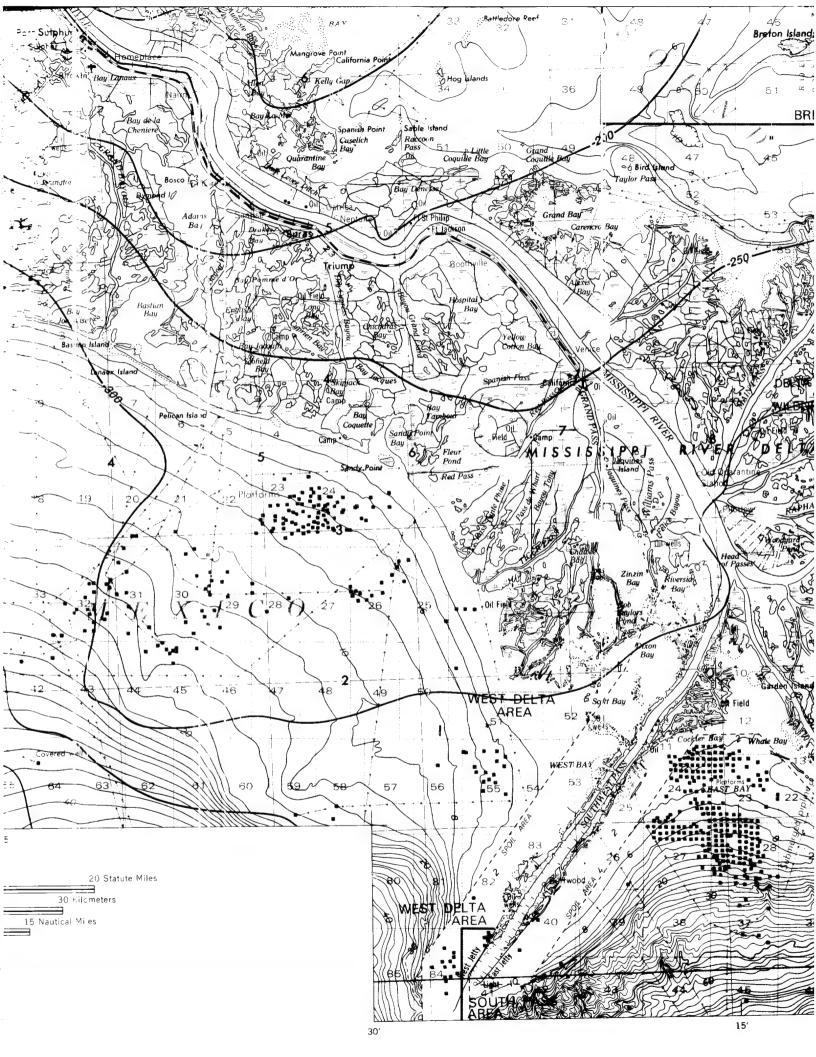


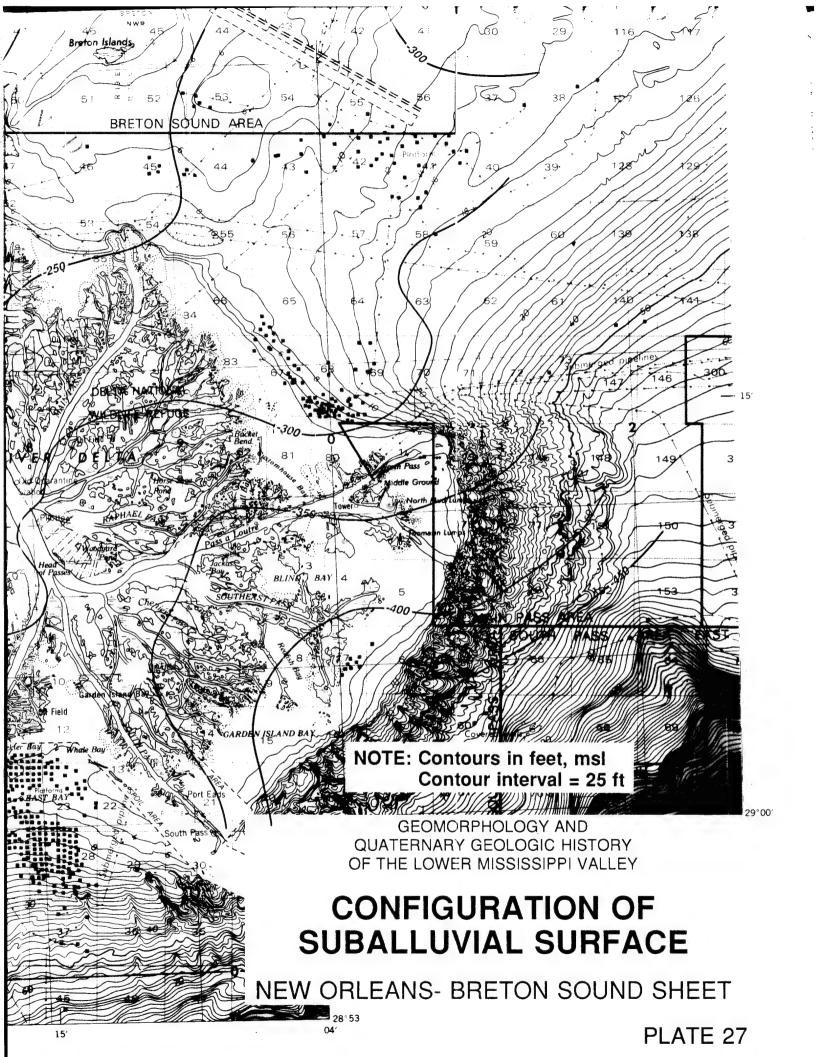


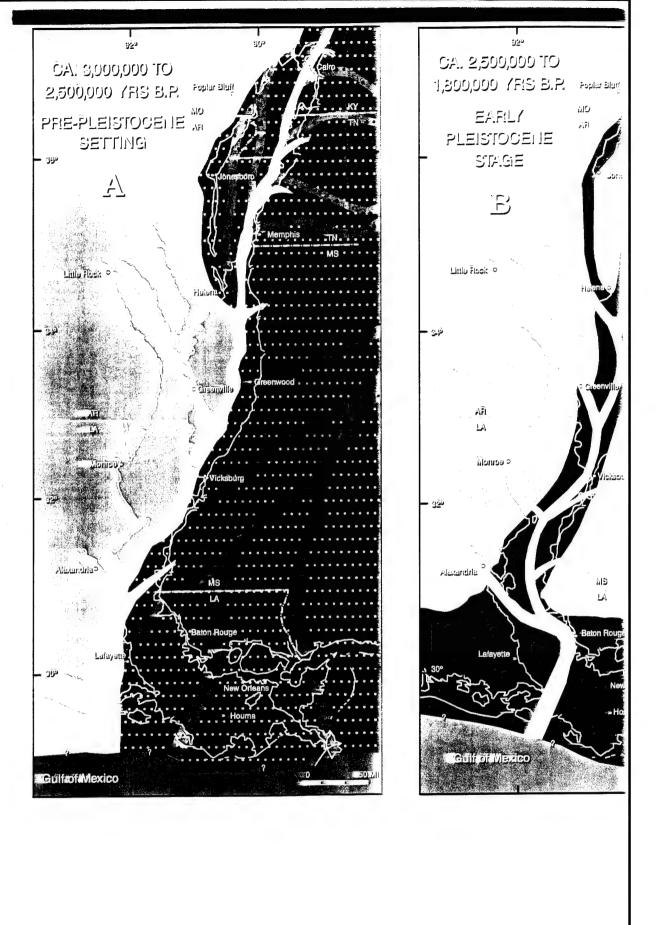


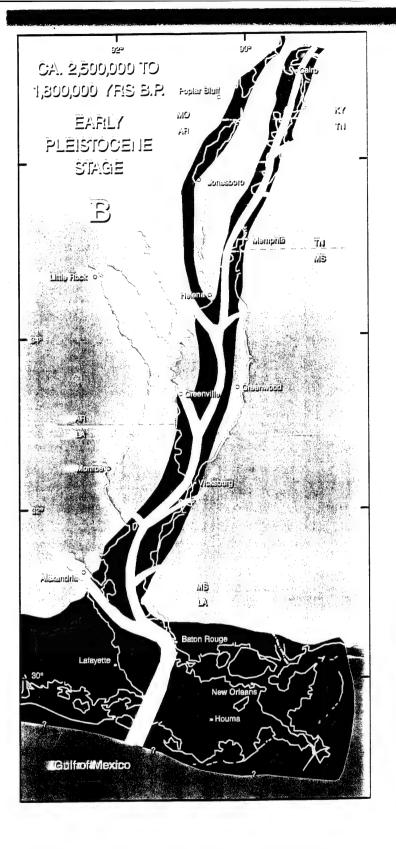


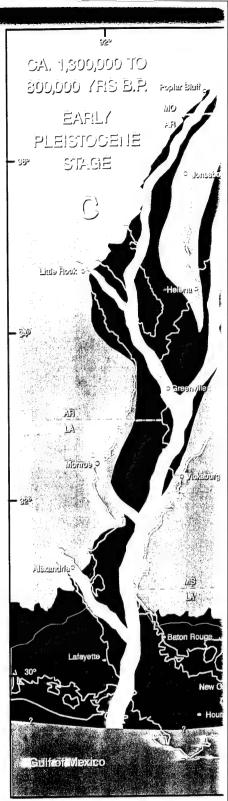


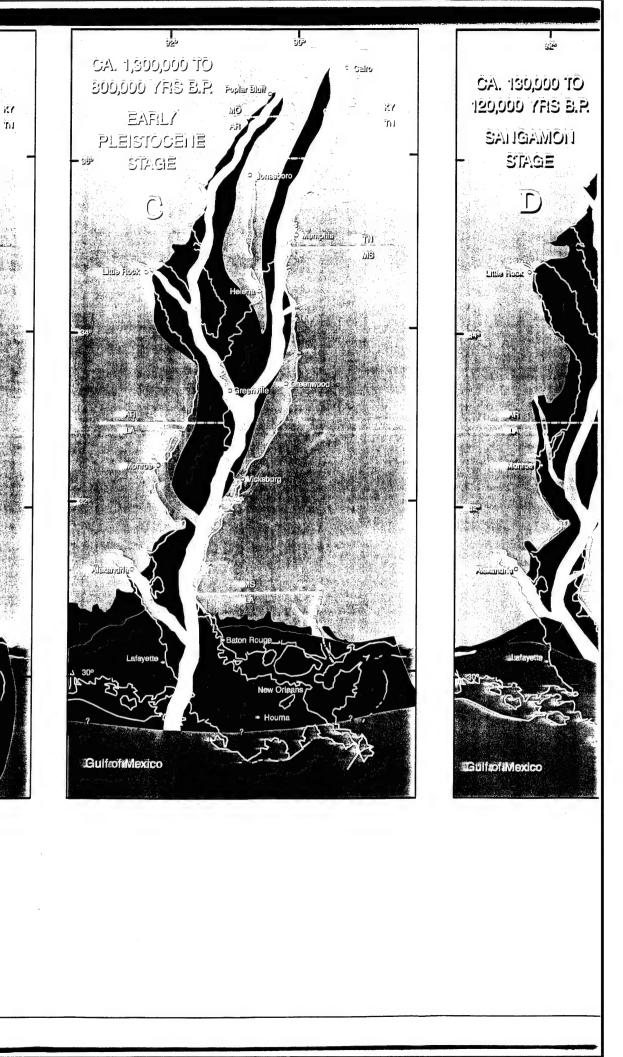


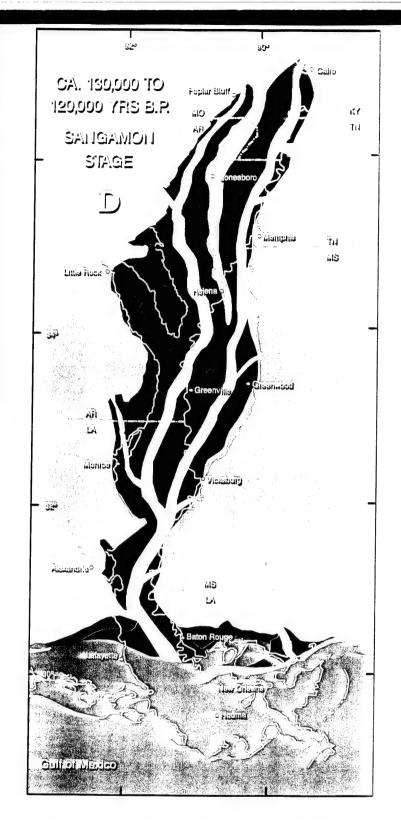


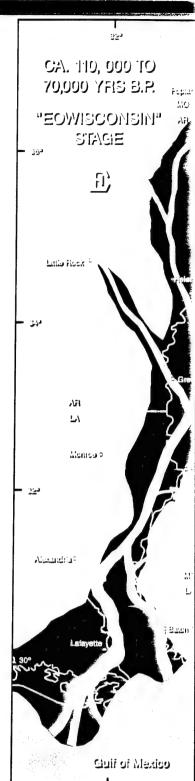






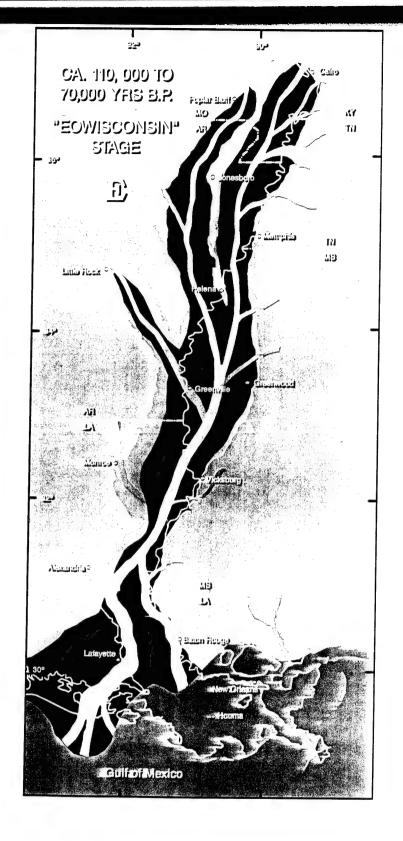






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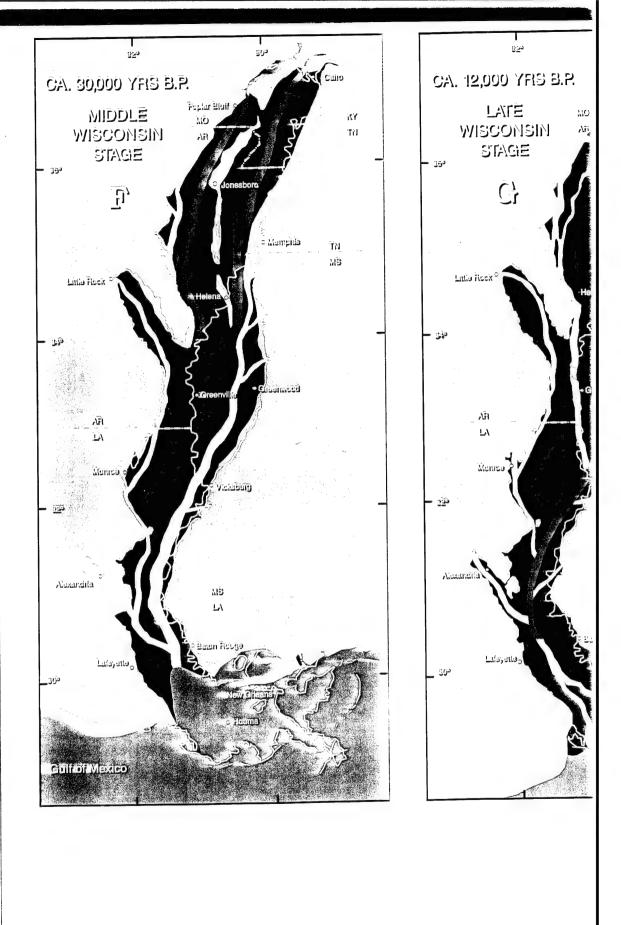
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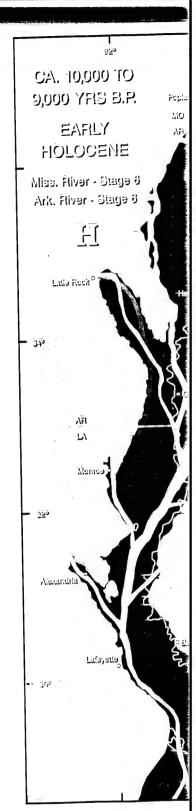


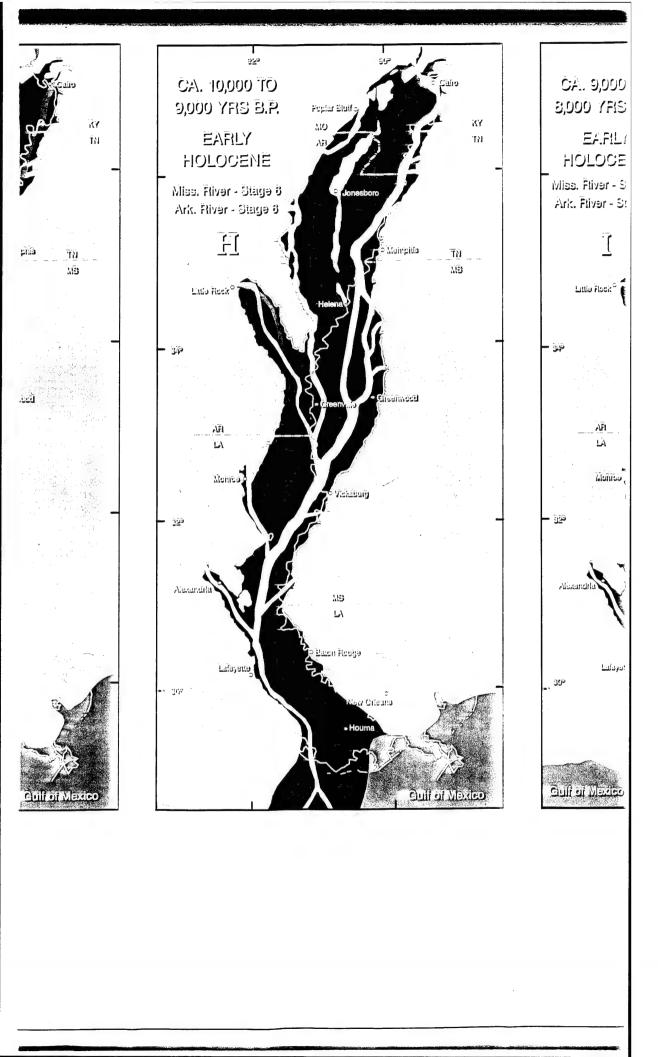
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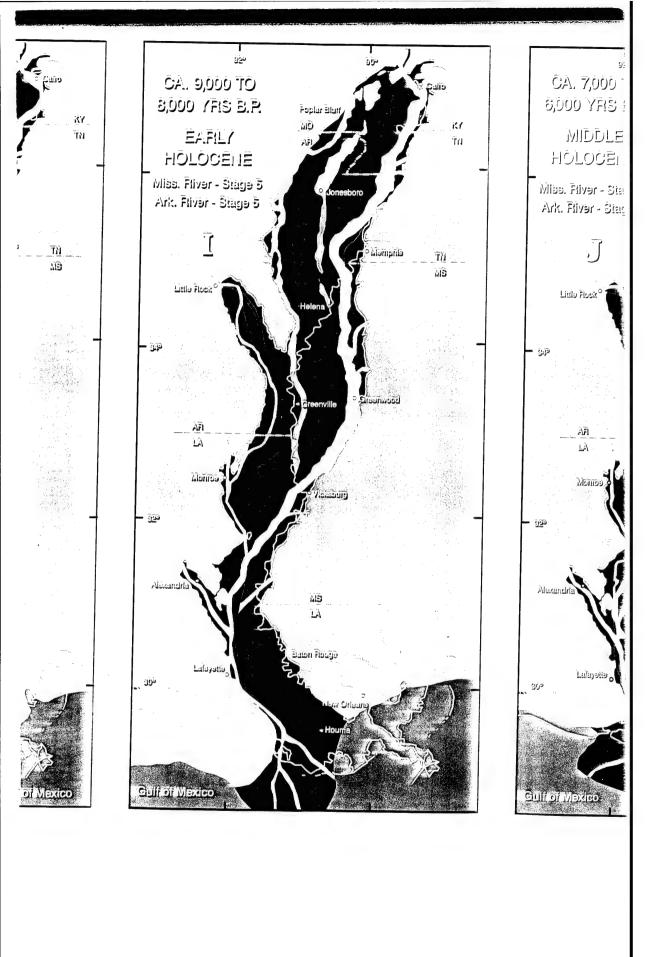
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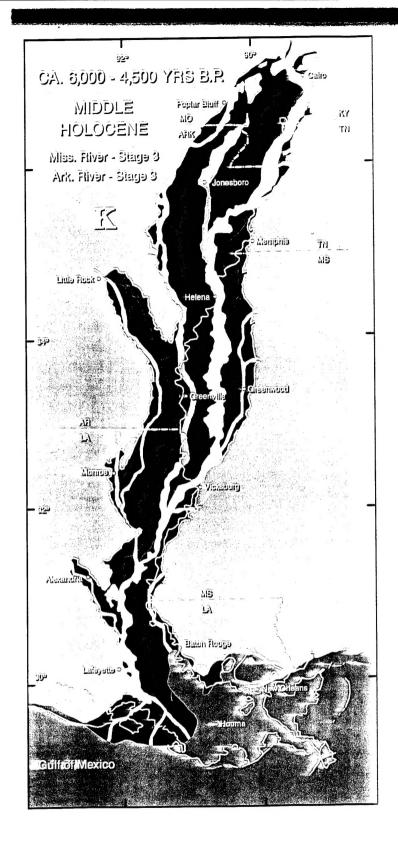
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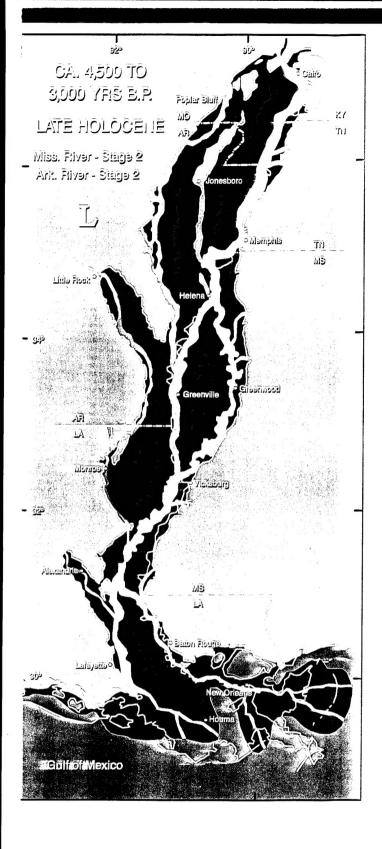
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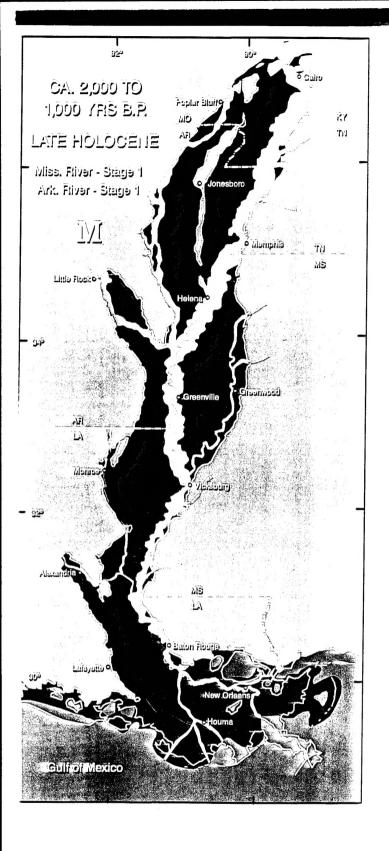
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